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Top racing pigeons a target for loft raiders

TWO raids on pigeon lofts in Walsall, in which a total of 75 birds were stolen, are not currently believed to be linked, say police.

Dozens of racing birds were stolen in two separate raids in Darlaston and Blakenall, while there was an attempted theft in Rushall.

Police said there was nothing to suggest the cases were linked. A Walsall pigeon fancier said theft of the racing birds was a problem across the country.

Tony Dean, who has been kept pigeons since he was seven, urged people who owned birds to be on their guard. The 56-year-old, of Goscoe, said: "It is not just in the Midlands that this has happened - it's happened all over the country."

He said some pigeons can be valuable depending on performance but would be difficult to sell on as they have rings around their feet.

The father-of-three said: "They tend to strike at night when nobody is around. It would be awful to go out to the loft in the morning and find they have all gone."

One of the burglaries happened in Joynson Street, in Darlaston, over Easter and 60 birds were stolen, worth around £1,200. Another 15 were taken from a loft in Dawson Street, Blakenall, and there was an attempted break in at an address in Barns Lane, Rushall.

Teen admits disorder role

A BOY has admitted his part in an English Defence League protest which turned violent in Walsall.

The 16-year-old from Brownhills, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court and admitted a charge of violent disorder.

More than 600 people were involved in the disturbance on September 29.

Miss Val Hart, prosecuting, said there was CCTV of him in a beer garden snapping a table leg and handing it to another. He will appear in front of magistrates again on May 9 and was released on conditional bail.

UNITING IN BID TO SLASH BILLS

Report by Tom Mason



Councillor Tim Oliver

WALSALL councillors have agreed on a scheme that could potentially save residents hundreds of pounds on yearly energy bills.

The Big Community Switch Scheme, approved at a recent council meeting, uses combined purchase power to push down prices for energy consumers.

The Labour group led by Councillor Tim Oliver backed the project by giving evidence of the success of the scheme at more than 50 local authorities across the UK.

Councillor Oliver said an average bill of £1,300 could be cut by up to £200 via the scheme's ability to negotiate better energy tariffs.

He added: "In the present economic situation that is a significant saving."

"Given that the Government is attacking the living standards of families on low incomes or benefits, we will insist the scheme prioritise these people in the first wave."

Liberal Democrat group leader Councillor Ian Shires also backed the launch as part of a push in Walsall to bring costs down for residents by making their homes more energy efficient.

Deal

He said: "Most people stick with their energy supplier because they don't want the hassle but this scheme gives people more support and muscle to get a better deal."

The scheme was recently introduced in Wolverhampton where consumers had to register their interest with the city council, who will go to auction along with other authorities to see which energy company will offer the best tariff. Then local consumers get a personal offer.

Walsall Council Leader Councillor Mike Bird said the scheme would rectify some of the problems caused by policies that had let energy bills rise unfairly.

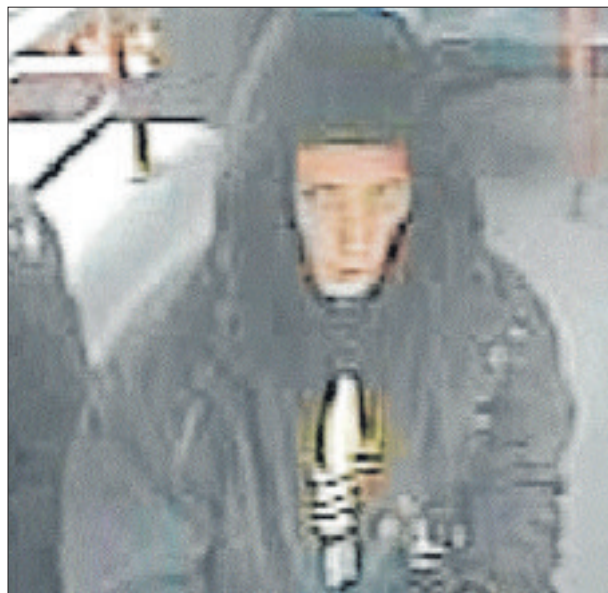
He added: "This has got to be good news for customers who have been left with a hard decision between heat or eat."

Once the scheme is made available to residents they will be able to register at the next energy auction run by iChoosr, the company behind the initiative.

The latest bid carried out by the firm earlier this month saw more than 160,000 households across the country take part in the auction, supported by a number of local authorities, with households across the country saving on average £114 a year.

For more information on The Big Community Switch visit the website www.bigcommunityswitch.ichoosr.com

Fare dodger pulls a gun



Police want to speak to the passenger seen in this image taken from the bus CCTV

A FARE dodger threatened a bus driver with a gun after he was challenged for using an old ticket, police have revealed this week.

Officers described how the culprit pulled the trigger to make a clicking sound in the direction of the terrified driver before fleeing. Around 10 witnesses were on the number 331 bus to Darlaston when the man climbed aboard the bus. It was on Wednesday Road, close to its junction with Corporation Street, Caldmore, at the time.

CCTV cameras on board the bus caught the moment a man pulled the firearm from a carrier bag and have released images of the man they want to speak to.

Pc Richard Stanley said: "The driver approached him and told him that the ticket

he had used was not valid for travel. When challenged, he reached into the bag and pulled out what appeared to be a black handgun, pointing it at him. The victim describes how the offender then pulled the trigger, causing a clicking noise, before running away.

"It is not clear whether a real or imitation handgun was used but whatever it was, it clearly frightened the driver, not to mention the other passengers."

Anyone who can identify the man or saw him leaving the scene is being urged to come forward. The incident happened at around midday on March 17. Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on the hotline at 0800 555 111.

Views are sought on the future of borough

WALSALL Council has launched a public consultation to shape the future of the borough.

Planning 2026 is a six week-long borough-wide consultation that will look into how land should be used in future planning and developments.

Residents will be able to give their views on how land should be used over the coming years including such issues as new homes and leisure facilities, along with the protection or enhancement of green spaces and employment opportunities.

Jobs

Regeneration boss Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "There's a great need for new homes, jobs and open spaces in the borough and investment, so it's important for local people to have their say on what development happens where. This is an important consultation. We'd encourage as many people as possible to take part."

The council will be holding meetings across the borough in coming weeks starting with a day-long event at Walsall Market in the town centre on Tuesday, followed by events in Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Darlaston and Willenhall. For more information see the website www.walsall.gov.uk/planning2026

Dancing in the streets

A TRADITION from Walsall's past will be performed at the town's market tomorrow (Friday) by an acting troupe who have taken to the streets.

The Bayards Colts, the town's ancient carved clubs, will be celebrated in ree to watch 'mummers' plays near the bus station at 10.30am.

Dance group The Glorishers are also due to perform their Sister Dora dance at the 'Walking the Fair' event, which will also be attended by Mayor Councillor Dennis Anson and the town crier.

It is part of the Walsall Bayard's Colts Project.

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Concern over level crossing closure

A TRANSPORT boss says careful consideration must be given to plans to close a busy level crossing under plans to electrify the Chase rail line.

More than a fifth of people questioned in a survey feared that shutting the crossing at Bloxwich would have a 'drastic impact' on traffic. The proposal to block the crossing at Reeves Street has been put forward by Network Rail and Walsall Council as part of the plans for electrification of the line.

Under the £30 million plans, large sections of track between Walsall and Rugeley will be

upgraded to allow electric trains in a move which is aimed at bringing faster and more reliable rail services.

Stations at Hednesford, Cannock, Landywood and Bloxwich would all get upgraded as part of the major scheme.

Footbridge

Walsall Council's transport chief Tom Ansell said there were "economic benefits" associated with the scheme.

But he added that the advantages and disad-

vantages needed to be weighed up carefully before a final decision was taken.

A footbridge could replace the crossing point at Reeves Street, with a package of measures to improve nearby road crossings funded by Network Rail. More than £2m would have to be ploughed into highway improvements if the level crossing was closed.

A survey carried by the council, involving 217 people, revealed 40 per cent believed they would be unaffected but more than 20 per cent said closure would result in a drastic impact.

Firm is fined after teen loses fingers

Blaze blow at family business



Ian Morton-Jones, aged 55, amid the charred debris and the burned out van after a blaze ripped through storage and a workshop at Peggy's Place in Blakenall

BOSSES of a fire-hit furniture company in Walsall have spoken of their shock after losing thousands of pounds worth of uninsured stock.

Fire tore through a courtyard at Peggy's Place, in Blakenall, on Thursday.

The blaze was another blow for the company which has already gone through a tough patch during the recession.

Van

The blaze destroyed a workshop area at the rear of the store, in Barracks Lane, and spread across the courtyard to where furniture was being stored for delivery.

The company's delivery van was also gutted by the fire, which started at around 3am.

Co-owner Matthew Cooper, of Highgate in Walsall, estimated £10,000 to £15,000 worth of stock had been lost in the blaze and

said the firm had no contents insurance. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

The 33-year-old said: "Times are hard enough. We have gone through a hard patch. For this to happen, it could bring us to our knees."

"I believe it was done deliberately. We've had trouble before. The yard has been vandalised a few times. They have broken in and stolen tools and things out of the van."

Mr Cooper owns the business with his sister Tracy and their mother Peggy, who is named after.

Ian Morton-Jones, of Leamore, Tracy's husband, said the family had been running businesses in the community for more than 60 years. "This was a blow for sure," he added.

The shop has opened its doors as usual but deliveries had to be postponed.

A COMPANY director and his firm must pay a court bill of almost £30,000 after a teenager lost three fingers and a thumb in an horrific accident which he says has ruined his life.

Louis Parkes suffered the injuries after being told to clean a metal cutting saw at JSF Stainless Steel in Brownhills. Director Richard Lancaster was last week found guilty of failing to ensure the safety of an employee following a two-day trial after District Judge Michael Morris ruled the 35-year-old must have instructed Mr Parkes to clean the saw.

JSF, in Chase Road, had already admitted breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act. Lancaster was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay legal costs of £2,630 and £15 surcharge. The company must pay £6,000 fines and £18,000 in costs plus £15 surcharge. The total bill for Lancaster and JSF is £28,660.

Slashed

Mr Parkes, now aged 19, was just 17 when his left hand was slashed by a 21cm blade when he was removing metal shavings from a Sabre saw at JSF.

The teenager, who now works as a forklift truck driver at another company, said he was pleased with the outcome of the court case.

"I am happy but I think a lot of stress and worry could have been avoided if Mr Lancaster had admitted responsibility straight away," said Mr Parkes, of Osprey Grove, Heath Hayes. "The last thing I wanted or needed was to go through a trial after all the operations."

He said: "I was removing the swarf when my glove caught on the blade and it pulled my hand down. I went



Operations - Louis Parkes into shock, pulled my hand away and thought 'that was lucky'. Then I looked down and saw fingers missing and some hanging off."

"I will continue to have more surgery. It has been two years now and I am getting used to it but there is so much you need two hands for. It has ruined my life."

He added: "It is a relief that this is now over so I can start to move on."

Mr Parkes was a general labourer tasked with keeping the workshop clean when the accident happened in June 2011, Walsall Magistrates' Court heard.

The court was told Lancaster, who lives in Derbyshire, was on the workshop floor but denied telling Mr Parkes to clear the machine with a wooden broom handle used as rake.

After the hearing, managing director Mike Ottewill, said he was disappointed that Lancaster, who had worked his way up from an apprentice, was singled out.

Man grew cannabis crop after losing job

A MAN who decided to grow cannabis after losing his job had a £21,000-a-year drug farm at his home when it was raided, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Robert Humphries was cultivating 24 skunk plants in two tents in the back bedroom at Linden Close, Bentley, Walsall, revealed prosecutor Miss Alka Brigue.

The 37-year-old defendant said he had learned how to set up the system on the internet but his claim that it was all for his own use was dismissed.

Pain

Miss Brigue said the farm was capable of producing three crops a year with an annual yield of £21,000.

Mr Nayan Patel, defending, explained: "He had fallen on hard times after losing his job. He was using cannabis to help with back pain. The habit was becoming expensive, so he decided to grow it himself."

Humphries admitted producing cannabis and was given an eight-month jail sentence suspended under supervision for 18 months, with 160 hours' unpaid work and £435 costs.

Dozen new jobs in store

A NEW supermarket has opened in Willenhall following a £500,000 investment, creating up to a dozen jobs.

The Kwik Save, which is trading seven days a week, has been built on land in Walsall Road after the site was taken over by new owners.

The launch of the store with 25 car parking spaces this week has been hailed as a boost towards regeneration of Willenhall. It replaces the former Motorbirds which closed down years ago.

The site was cleared as part of the revamp. Work has been going on since last year.

Owner Inderjit Tewary said they were pleased to be opening in Willenhall and will be selling a wide range of products.

"We had been looking around and always wanted to open a supermarket. We saw the opportunity to have a site in this area. We want to bring value to the area with low prices," he said.

The store's opening has been welcomed by councillors as a boost to the area

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Father is jailed for tending a drug farm

A FATHER-OF-TWO who looked after a cannabis farm with a potential street value of £20,000 inside a house in Walsall has been jailed for 16 months.

Irfan Khan, aged 31, told police after his arrest that he owed money to his drug dealer and he tended the 111 plants because he was in fear for his family, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Khan of Walford Road, Sparkhill, admitted producing cannabis.

Mr Rizwan Pasha, mitigating, said his client owed thousands of pounds to his drug dealer.

Relieved

"He was relieved at the arrival of the police officers and he was fully co-operative when questioned," said Mr Pasha.

"He is now trying to move away from his cannabis use," he added.

Sentencing Khan, Judge Martin Walsh told him: "You were effectively employed as a gardener at the factory which was operated by others."

"Anyone who involves themselves in the cultivation of cannabis for sale to a third party must know they will be given a custodial sentence."

Free calls to 'bedroom tax' hotline

PEOPLE in Walsall who want information on bedroom tax can now call a free helpline.

Walsall Council has decided to switch benefits help and advice lines from 0845 to 0300 numbers, so people can get information on housing and council tax.

It follows pressure from Walsall's opposition Labour group.

Councillor Diane Coughlan, representative for Willenhall South, highlighted the fact those on benefits or low incomes were forced to pay between 14p and 40p per minute if they contacted the council from a landline or mobile.

Councillor Coughlan and her Labour colleagues have been running a public campaign against the controversial bedroom tax, which came into force on April 1.

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Car sale conman tricked 28 victims out of cash

A CONMAN tricked 28 victims into handing over a total of £15,000 in a Walsall car sale fraud, a court heard.

Gulfahan Akhtar cold-called at addresses across the borough as well as Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Birmingham, offering to sell a vehicle.

He frequently targeted elderly victims and convinced them his family was struggling financially because of an ill relative being treated at Walsall Manor Hospital.

Wolverhampton Magistrates Court heard that he told his victims he needed to quickly sell the family car at a reduced price, often stating it was of a similar model to that on the victims' drive. Once a sale was agreed, the victims were asked to drive him to the hospital to pick up the keys and logbook.

When they arrived he would take a cash deposit and walk into the hospital – but then "disappear" with the money, said Mr Paul Reid, prosecuting.

Akhtar, of Reedswood Gardens, Walsall, pleaded guilty to five charges of fraud by false representation and asked for a further 23 to be taken into consideration.

Targeted

The 42-year-old, who lives with his wife and children, targeted victims aged over 50, the court heard on Saturday. He was arrested after a resident who had seen a police appeal for information called 999.

Mr Reid said: "He would take the money off them – often around £400 – and he has literally disappeared. There was never any car to sell."

"In total, the loss to all the victims was £15,000."

The offences happened between September last year and the start of April. Akhtar will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court next month.

He was released on conditional bail.

New cameras to catch fly-tippers in the act

THE worst five dumping spots in Walsall borough were exposed this week as council bosses revealed their latest weapon in the war against the fly-tippers.

by Adam Burling

Hobs Hole Lane in Aldridge, Crook Lane and Doe Bank Lane, both at Barr Beacon, and Prince Street and Spout Lane in Caldmore have all notched up 20 or more incidents of illegal dumpings in the last year.

Environmental chiefs in Walsall are now about to trial head-mounted cameras in a bid to catch offenders red-handed and provide video evidence for courts.

Menace

Keith Stone, Walsall's assistant director of neighbourhood services, said the fly-tipping menace had cost the borough £140,000 in the past 12 months.

"This is money we would rather spend on providing other services but we accept our responsibility in trying to catch these people," he said.

The authority now has two cameras on a month's trial which will be targeted on the borough's dumping hotspots by litter patrol officers.

Walsall already has five on-site cameras situated in fly-tipping hot spots but these are fixed in position.

The head-mounted cameras for would be better placed to record wrongdoing, said Dave Elrington, the borough's environmental health manager.

"They will help in identifying offenders who often try to deny involvement, then it's one man's word against another."

"Now we can simply invite them in to have a look at the footage. It will save a lot of time for us and the courts."

Van drivers are top of the council's fly-tipping hit list. Of the 2,000 incidents of waste dumping last year, between 1,300 and 1,400 were small van loads. Around 400 of were carried out from larger transit vans.

The council believes a significant number have been carried out by small businesses trying to reduce their waste disposal costs.

Officers report many are carried out by unlicensed businesses that go door-to-door offering to get rid of household rubbish.

Mr Stone said: "It's tempting to take up an offer of £20 to take away your rubbish but it's illegal and people have a duty of care to check that they are dealing with legal operators, otherwise they could end up in court."

The new cameras are among a number of measures launched by Walsall Council. Skip days have proved a popular with the public.

Mr Elrington appealed to householders to report illegal tippers.

"We are asking residents to be our eyes and ears," he said. "In the last couple of years we've seen more people prepared to go to court to act as witnesses to fly-tipping offences and we would urge others to follow their example."

He said Street Pride, the council's refuse collection department, had been instrumental in the authority's success.

School pupils' chickens stolen



Pupil Lily Ashcroft, aged 8, next to the empty pen where the school hens were stolen

THIEVES have stolen chickens which were being looked after by children at a Walsall primary school.

The youngsters at Bentley West Primary had been caring for the six birds and raised money towards the cost of a pen.

The chickens went missing from within the school grounds in Monmouth Road.

Staff and children have been left devastated following the theft of the birds and are urging anyone with information to come forward.

Foundation stage co-ordinator Kate Ross said: "There were six chickens altogether, and they have all gone. The chickens were in a little patio area. Apparently one of the neighbours said they saw someone walking along the roof beforehand."

Disgusting

"The children have watched them all hatch and they were the ones that fed and looked after them."

"The children helped to raise money for the chicken area. It is disgusting for them to take it away from the children."

A £10,000 repair bill was left by vandals last May after thieves stole the children's tools from a newly created tool shed for reception pupils. They also stole a six-seater buggy from the neighbouring Bentley West Children's Centre, where they also attempted to start a fire.

NEWS in brief

Advice sessions aimed at parents

FREE drop-in sessions are being run for parents of children with special educational needs in Walsall.

Anyone looking for advice can speak with the parent partnership team at an event in Birchills. The session is one of several for parents of young people up to 19 who have, or may have, special educational needs.

Professionals will answer queries at Birchills Children's Centre on May 13. Other events are planned in Aldridge, Bentley and Blakenall. Call 01922 650330 or visit www.walsallparentpartnership.org.uk

New clothes shop in Saddlers centre

CLOTHING chain Blue Inc has opened a new store in Walsall's Saddlers Shopping Centre, creating 10 new jobs.

The high street chain has taken over the former Littlewoods unit at the centre off Park Street.

Centre bosses said they were thrilled to welcome a new store into the centre. It comes after a Costa Coffee opened in the complex last week.

May fayre with a classic car show

RUSHALL May Fayre will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6.

The free admission event takes place on Rushall Playing Fields, from 10.30am. The May Queen and Princess will be crowned at 11am.

There will be charity stalls, fair rides, food and events including Maypole dancing, plus a classic car show.

Wych' way walk for the ramblers

WALSALL Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Evesham for a nine mile circular walk on Sunday.

Called 'Wychavon Way You Like It', this is a mainly level walk along sections of the Wychavon Way. Contact the walk leaders for further information on 01922 621148.

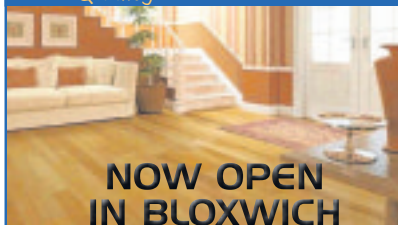
College is to offer new top-up degree

FROM September Walsall College will offer a BSc (Honours) Business and Enterprise top-up degree.

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NEWS

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ON A walk in the park I removed, four "Ding Dong" stickers, stuck to lamp posts by the sort of people who think it's fun to rejoice in the death of a politician you disagree with. Doesn't it make your flesh creep?

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I HEARD A Scotsman on the radio raging that he could never forgive Maggie for introducing the poll tax in Scotland before England. Poll tax was nothing more than an attempt to replace household rates with something better, but from his rage-level you'd think Thatcher had sent in the troops to strangle Scottish babies. This week a minority of Brits, thankfully a tiny minority, seem to have lost all sense of proportion.

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MEANWHILE, back at the park, I had a close encounter with a little dog from what is now a rare breed who came over to make friends. It was like stepping back 50 years. Whatever happened to fox terriers?

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IT MAY be a while before we know who committed the Boston bombings but you can bet this outrage was carried out in the name of either God or liberty, or both. In terrorism, the more noble the supposed motives, the wickeder the crimes.

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THE price of gold has been tumbling and thousands of late investors who thought they were on to a sure winner have lost. Remember the first rule of investing, by the time you spot a bandwagon, it's usually leaving.

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UNIVERSITY researchers in Indiana have discovered that a single taste of beer makes drinkers want to consume more. If that counts as a discovery in Indiana, they really ought to get out more.

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WOOLWICH Crown Court heard this week how four British jihadists planned to attack a Territorial Army centre by loading a remote-controlled toy car with explosives and sending it under the gates. The irony is that as they plotted their attack, a Conservative-led government was hard at work destroying not just one drill hall but the entire Territorial Army. Whitehall's plan is to turn the TA into a reserve force of volunteers who are ready, willing and able to leave their civilian jobs for six months' full-time service every couple of years. This scheme has "doomed" stamped all over it. Over the past 20 years, as the demands of active service have increased, the TA has dwindled from 60,000 to about 12,000. I give the TA another two years at the most. Where the terrorists failed, bean-counters in dark suits are succeeding.

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I HAVE no idea who Alessandro Severi is but his letter to the Daily Telegraph this week should be required reading for everyone in political life. He begins by praising the speeches in the Commons debate on Baroness Thatcher as "nobler and more statesmanlike" than anything in any European parliament. He ends: "As an Italian who has been living in London for many years, I think I will be more likely to grasp the laws of cricket than understand why the British people are prepared to surrender the sovereignty of their Parliament to the European Union."

The truth is that we Brits are not prepared for such a takeover and have never been invited to vote for or against it. The whole European project is based on the ludicrous claim that Britain has something to gain, or learn, from Europe. As we look at the collapse of Greece, legalised theft from bank accounts in Cyprus, 50 per cent youth unemployment in Spain, bungabunga depravity in Italy and the crisis in Slovenia, does anyone in Britain still believe that? What have we to learn from Europe? How much more are we expected to surrender?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Mother failed to declare mortgage

A MOTHER cheated the benefits system out of more than £10,000 by failing to declare that she held a joint mortgage on an £80,000 property in Walsall, a court heard.

Walsall Magistrates Court heard that Nasreem Ahmed claimed income support, and housing and council tax benefits, while renting a house in Rutter Street, Palfrey.

It later emerged that the 44-year-

old had a joint mortgage with her husband on a property in Scarborough Road, Alumwell, where she now lives.

Mr Van French, prosecuting, said Ahmed fraudulently claimed £6,814.37 in income support, £2,761.37 in housing benefits and £727.25 in council tax benefits, amounting to a total of £10,302.99. "Investigators learned of the exist-

tence of the property and calculated, after the mortgage is taken into account, the value of the property was still sufficient to take the lady out of the parameters," he said.

Failing

Ahmed, a mother-of-four, admitted falsely making a statement to obtain benefits and failing to notify Walsall Council of a change in cir-

cumstances which would have affected her entitlement to benefits.

Mr Mohammed Fiaz, mitigating, said she had been living in Rutter Street when she made the claim because the property in Scarborough Road was uninhabitable.

District Judge Michael Morris last week ordered her to pay a £600 fine, £100 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Healthy option for men

WITH diabetes and heart disease on the rise, middle-aged men of Walsall are being encouraged to get fit as part of a free health initiative.

It has been set up by Walsall Housing Group and Caldmore Accord in partnership with Walsall Council's Sport and Leisure Services and Public Health Walsall to help combat the health issues that affect men over 40 in Walsall. It is particularly aimed at helping men of South Asian origin living in Caldmore and Palfrey.

The classes held at St Mary's the Mount Parish Centre, in Globe Street, Caldmore, will run until June 11 and will demonstrate the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Obesity

Councillor Mike Bird, public health boss at Walsall Council, said: "The level of obesity in Walsall is higher than we would like and we have a range of initiatives in place to try and tackle this."

"This latest scheme offers simple advice designed to show people how just a few changes to their diet and lifestyle can make a significant difference to their health."

Jay Gill, for Caldmore Accord, part of Accord Group, said: "It's vital that the information and advice needed to lead a healthy lifestyle is available, which is why we are proud to offer our expertise, alongside our partners, to deliver this important programme."

For more information call Nazir Ahmed at Caldmore Accord on 01922 728 235 or email nazir.ahmed@caldmoreaccordha.org.uk

Driver fined as baton is found

A MAN who was found with a baton when his car was pulled over in Brownhills has been fined.

John Haddon admitted possession of an offensive weapon in Ogley Hay Road on July 25 last year.

The 46-year-old of Leifenden Avenue, Chase-town, also pleaded guilty to possession of a small amount of cannabis.

He was fined £260 for having the weapon and £175 for the drugs when he appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court.

He was also told to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge. A forfeiture and destruction order was imposed.

Council vow to track down benefit cheats

BENEFIT cheats will be tracked down and prosecuted to stop hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of fraudulent claims, Walsall Council chiefs have vowed.

Almost 200 suspected housing and council tax fraud cases worth £840,000 were investigated by bosses at the authority inside 12 months.

by Craig Hughes

The council says its 52 successful court prosecutions tackled wrong claims of more than half-a-million pounds.

Bosses said suspected fraudsters are being prosecuted at an average of one a week and the retrieval of overpayment is sought.

Determined

Finance chief Councillor Chris Towe said: "Benefit fraud will not be tolerated and we have a good track record in tracking down, convicting and then recovering money claimed illegally."

"In the 12 months, to April last year, we successfully prosecuted 52 people who had wrongly claimed a total of £500,124. That's one a week on average."

"The clear message is that we will pursue people in a determined fashion and the penalties can be severe."

"Overpayments are recovered through a range of ways including deductions from ongoing benefit entitlements, deductions via council tax accounts and through direct invoicing recovery methods."

It was revealed that none of those who faced housing and council tax benefits allegations were employees of the council. But of two separate fraud prosecutions, one was an employee of the authority. There was one case of payroll and employee contract fulfilment fraud totalling £198.

A report to the council showed the authority has used spying powers to capture fraudsters and fly-tippers. They were used 25 times between last April and December compared with 67 from April 2011 to March 2012.

More flexible street trading wins support

MOVES to licence all streets in the borough for trading in a bid to boost shopping in Walsall town centre have received the backing of councillors.

Only selected sites are currently designated for street trading and council bosses want to increase flexibilities and opportunities.

Under a town centre street trading policy in place since the 1990s, a trader cannot move to increase trading opportunities without lengthy processes.

Members of the full council agreed to back the proposals to make it easier for traders to move to more favourable locations. It comes as millions of pounds is being pumped into improving the town.

The Old Square Shopping Centre is due to be transformed with Primark and a new Co-op part of a scheme.

Euro visitors welcomed at school



United by learning - front left, Daniel Minamore, aged 15, of Goscote, with Harry Azas, aged 10, from Cyprus, as European Union students visit Shire Oak Academy

STUDENTS in Walsall welcomed visitors from eight different countries in Europe.

More than 40 pupils and staff from schools in Spain, France, Germany, Bulgaria, Estonia, Austria, Cyprus and Italy have been experiencing British culture with help from students at Shire Oak Academy.

A cultural welcoming concert was performed by Shire Oak Academy pupils and the visitors were led on a tour of the school.

The group also took part in a number of workshops and a series of trips around the country. It is part of a Comenius project run at the school in Lichfield Road, exploring the diversity of European cultures and languages.

Anne-Marie Williams, French teacher and international project co-ordinator, said: "All the students are staying with members of staff from the academy or students."

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Glass at church is a priority

AN EMPTY church in Darlaston that has been plagued by vandalism attacks will be pulled down and replaced with a housing development, under new plans.

The plans for the former St Andrew's Church, in Darlaston Road, have sparked a campaign by a local action group to save its stained glass windows and encourage the developer to give them back to the community.

It is hoped the windows, which depict saints and Jesus, can be put on display in another building in the town.

Under the plans, which have been lodged with Walsall Council, a total of five properties would replace the church building, which closed in 2009.

Action

It was built in 1893 to accommodate the worship needs of a rising population due to the expansion of Black Country industry.

Pastoral care was taken over by St Bartholomew's Church in Wednesbury.

Darlaston South Councillor Paul Bott, a member of Moxley and Dangerfield Action Group, said he had no objection to the scheme.

He added "It's the stained glass windows that the community are concerned about."

The windows were believed to have been designed by a local company in the early 20th century.

'Outrage' at homes

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a major new housing development in a village near Willenhall have been given the go-ahead.

Bellway Homes has won permission to build 28 houses on land off Elmwood Avenue in Essington in a £3 million scheme.

The scheme was thrown out by Essington Parish Council and South Staffordshire District Council but a Government inspector has now ruled the scheme can be built after the developer appealed against the decision.

Chairman of Essington Parish Council and South Staffordshire Councillor David Clift, said villagers were "outraged".

A public inquiry was held into the proposals in March.

Fly-tipper is handed £1,200 court bill

A FATHER who was caught on camera using his employer's van to dump waste at a fly-tipping hotspot in Walsall has been handed a court bill of more than £1,200.

Nasir Mehmood dumped the waste in Mill Street. The 27-year-old, of Webster Road, Walsall, was caught after CCTV captured a business logo on the side of the white van he was using and he was traced to his place of work. Environmental health officers from Walsall Council visited Albadar Cash & Carry, in Stafford Street, where Mehmood introduced himself and admitted the offence.

The waste included a sofa, drawer, nine pieces of wood and five pieces of carpet. The court heard that Mehmood had also dumped a bag of rubbish and wooden cupboard.

Mr Dominic Patouchas, prosecuting on behalf of the council, said Mehmood had deliberately ignored the 'no tipping' signs.

He said: "The area, because of the prevalence of fly-tipping, was being monitored by CCTV. Footage showed a commercial-sized white van with a business logo going to the site to deposit the items."

"The van belonged to a local food retailer based in Stafford Street, Walsall."

He said it emerged that the waste had come from a private dwelling owned by the defendant's employer. The court was told that a passer-by had tried to deter Mehmood from dumping the rubbish.

Mr Patouchas added: "The CCTV footage shows an unidentified male speaking to the defendant and pointing to the 'no tipping' sign. The defendant continued."

Mehmood admitted depositing the waste without a permit on May 22 last year.

Mr Mohammed Fiaz, mitigating, said Mehmood worked as a delivery assistant for Albadar Cash & Carry and he had taken it

upon himself to dump the waste without the instruction of his employer. "He thought he was assisting his employer," Mr Fiaz added.

Mehmood had claimed the site where he had dumped the waste was being leased as a car park to the mosque opposite, which had appealed for rubble to fill in potholes. But he accepted that the idea was now absurd.

He collected the waste and took it to be recycled after the officers visited his workplace. Mehmood, married with two daughters, had co-operated with the investigation.

He was handed a £700 fine, and told to pay £500 costs and a £70 victim surcharge.

Concern grows over bedroom tax impact

WALSALL councillors are creating a united front against the Government's 'bedroom tax', which will affect more than 4,000 people in social housing across the borough.

The introduction of the controversial 'bedroom tax' will see a 14 per cent cut to housing benefit for people who have one empty bedroom and a 25 per cent cut to homes with more than two empty bedrooms. The policy, launched this month, is aimed at freeing up social housing, particularly family homes.

More bays to park in

EXTRA spaces to tackle parking problems in Walsall's residential streets will be created this year.

Council chiefs are looking at a list of sites where residents have reported parking issues and a shortage of residential bays.

They hope to turn grass verges into parking spaces and have set aside £250,000 to tackle the issue.

Walsall's highways cabinet member Councillor Tom Ansell said the issue had been long-running.

"We've put aside £250,000 to help combat the problem of poor parking which sees people park across grass verges churning them up as they do it."

"It's not good to look at and it's not attractive."

"It's also a problem that has gone on for a good many years."

He said the council would try to be as fair as possible when deciding where the money would make a difference as it did not want to squander the money.

It doesn't matter how the 'spare' bedroom is being used and includes those who keep a bedroom for children who live elsewhere.

Debate

At a recent meeting councillors spoke in an hour-long debate. There was cross-party support for a motion stating: "The impact of the 'bedroom tax' will continue to fall disproportionately on less well-off residents and families across the borough of Walsall, who in many cases have no option but to face a further reduction in living standards."

Deputy council leader Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "We need to show a united front."

In a separate move, Blakenall Democratic Labour Councillor Pete Smith is trying to co-ordinate opposition. He said: "I am getting extremely sad cases of how this unfair and vicious tax is hitting those who can least afford it. That is why those 4000-plus households in Walsall, now need to make themselves known, link up with others affected and help join the fight against the most unfair 'tax' since the Poll Tax."

Late spring hits the garden centres



Sales in spring - centre manager Paul Sutton is pictured at Aldridge Garden Centre

THE coldest March since 1962 has seen a huge decline in visitors to garden centres across the region with some facing a drop in takings of up to 70 per cent compared with last year.

The Aldridge Garden Centre is currently £80,000 down this year because of the bad weather - meaning it has been unable to take on extra staff.

The business in Chester Road has been forced to purchase less stock due to the downturn in trade.

The company, part of the Garden Centre Group, has 21 staff but would expect to bring in more for the spring.

Manager Paul Sutton said: "The weather has had a major impact. We are working with the lowest staff we can get by with and we have bought less plants to reduce wastage."

Losing

"We would normally take on extra staff in the main season, an extra three or four. If we were a small independent garden centre we couldn't deal with losing trade for long."

"Last year was terrible too, as from Easter it was saturated with rain. It is two bad ones in a row."

Managers at Codsall and Wergs Garden Centre said the latest bout of bad weather had "thrown them out" by three to four weeks. Hollybush Garden Centre and Aquaria, Shreshill, has reported lower customer numbers and said people had not been buying outdoor plants or flowers.

NEWS in brief

Home visits by the 'inspectors'

RESIDENTS who continue to contaminate bins in Walsall are being visited as part of a recycling crackdown.

Environment boss Councillor Tom Ansell said there were still areas where people were not putting items in the right bins - despite leaflets being sent out.

Councillor Ansell said: "What we are doing with the inspectors is sending them out to people who are still contaminating and trying to talk and educate them."

A zero tolerance approach was launched last November.

Fan is fined after drunken incident

A FED-UP football fan who drank too much was spotted walking in the middle a major road, a court heard.

John Timmis, 31, was seen on the A5 on Easter Sunday after watching Aston Villa play Liverpool on TV at The Turf pub in Norton Canes. The Liverpool fan, of Bloxwich Road, South, Willenhall, was ordered to pay £178 in fines and costs after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly.

Focus on plants as society meets

PLANTS will come under the spotlight at the next meeting of Streetly Horticultural Society, when Byron Lewis talks to the group on May 7.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at Streetly Community Centre, in Foley Road East, from 7.45pm.

In June Tony Newton, who has created an award-winning garden at his Walsall home, will speak.

More than £450 is raised for lifeboat

THE Walsall branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution raised £481.37 in its annual collection in Walsall town centre.

The group would like to thank everyone who contributed and also the volunteers who gave their time.

All money will go directly to Burry Port Lifeboat Station, Wales.

Thursday evening walks in the park

GUIDED walks will be held at Walsall Arboretum every Thursday from today to August 15.

Walkers should meet at the Centre Green at 7pm.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW

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YORKIES are getting smaller. Apparently, there has been a bit of a furore on the internet about the chunky chocolate bars, which proudly take the name from the city where they are made, being reduced from six blocks to five.

Can't imagine the reaction if they ever shift production to Google.

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WHO ate all the thighs? Well, actually it was Branislav Ivanovic's arm, but I'm sure now he's got the taste for it, Luis Suarez is probably partial to the odd leg of Chelsea defender as well.

"We were watching in disbelief," said Match of The Day sage Robbie Savage, as Suarez sunk his gnashers into the Serbian full-back. "To do that to a fellow professional is shocking and disgraceful".

Don't you just know you've gone too far when Robbie Savage is treading the moral high ground.

It is not the first time Suarez has bitten an opponent, and clearly something needs to be done.

According to 'dog whisperer' Cesar Milan, covering your gloves in foul-tasting liquids is a good way of cutting down on biting behaviour among puppies, as well as pressing your thumb under the biter's tongue and squeezing his chin.

All worth a try, I'm sure, but my favourite solution involves making the offender lie down before meal times, taking the bowl away, and occasionally throwing in the odd treat to show that biting doesn't pay.

Now come on. Who outside Anfield wouldn't like to see Luis Suarez begging for his meals?

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MEANWHILE, a strange line of defence came from the Newcastle United fan caught on film punching a police horse.

"I've got three dogs, a fish pond and I feed foxes across the road," said a tearful Barry Rogerson, after dealing a swift right hook to his four-legged nemesis.

Oh come on Barry, you can do better than that. How about "Police horses? Sunderland fans? All look the same to me". Or maybe "I didn't like the way the horse was looking at me".

If he wanted to be really creative, he could even have gone down the discrimination route, accusing the authorities of misunderstanding the horse-fighting community. Where there's blame there's a claim, and all that.

Rogerson lives on disability living allowance and incapacity benefit, so presumably his lung condition prevents him from earning a living as a full-time horse fighter.

But a fish pond? What sort of football hooligan are you, man? After the incident, Rogerson issued a heartfelt apology.

"I would like to apologise to the horse," he said. "I am on medication."

You don't say.



Sue Higgs discusses training with Rupy Pandaal, service user and carer strategy co-ordinator



Clare Corness-Parr, left, head of adult nursing, and Ann Philip, head of recruitment retention and employability



Service user Hilary Jones receives training before joining the panel to interview potential nurses

How users help to select new nurses

Recruitment is changing.
MARISHA CYSEWSKI
reports on the University of
Wolverhampton's pioneers

WHEN Sue Higgs interviews potential nurses she looks for "kindness, a willingness to learn and above all compassion" and she should know the value of these qualities.

She is not a medical professional, but she is drawing on her first hand experience of the NHS to help select nursing students for the University of Wolverhampton, alongside tutors and nurses from clinical practice.

Mrs Higgs, of Penn, Wolverhampton, was a carer for her husband of 43 years, John, for six years after he suffered a brain haemorrhage which left him unable to look after himself.

He was a former teacher at Colton Hills Community School; he sadly died three and a half years ago.

Increase

She says: "Before John died we had some good and some not so good experiences with the NHS. I wanted to give something back for the positive experiences."

The university has 480 student nursing places, this year there has already been more than 3,700 applications.

The numbers applying to NHS-funded courses has increased considerably since the rise in tuition fees, so it is more competitive than ever to get a place.

Panel members will interview around 10 applicants a day, for courses starting in September and January.

Hilary Jones, aged 54, of Dudley, has suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for 15 years, an incurable illness which left her housebound. She is receiving training to become a panel member in the School of Health and Wellbeing.



Students nurses Emma Simpson, left, and Naomi Perry helped by interviews

She says: "It is uplifting to see the university's commitment to make the theory they teach a reality through involving us. Our opinions are respected and the university is dedicated to making the courses well rounded experiences."

"I think having service users involved in the course helps the students get a better understanding of what they are letting themselves in for."

The service users' judgements carry equal weighting to the views of the professionals and they are trained in areas such as equality and diversity to help their interview technique.

Head of Adult Nursing, Clare Corness-Parr, says: "The service users

"Nurses are there for the patients, I think getting more feedback from them is most beneficial for our development."

Rupy Pandaal is the service user and carer strategy co-ordinator and recruits the new panel members. He says: "The service users have a range of experiences, from life threatening illnesses to being carers. Some of them have had previous involvement with the university; others have heard about the opportunity through word of mouth and expressed their interest."

Around 50 service users are involved but there are plans to increase the number as the revised interview process is rolled out to more other fields of nurses including mental health, learning disability and children's nursing.

The Francis Report following the public inquiry into Mid Staffordshire has shaken the NHS's foundations as it described failings leading to appalling standards of care, since this service users are becoming more involved in health care education on a national level.

The university is one of the first educational establishments to involve service users in interviews, although this process began before the report was released.

Improve

The scheme was piloted last year when six service users took part in 18 interview dates, which showed they could make valuable recommendations to enhance the interview process.

The report aims to improve the standard of care for patients and has called for a selection of student nurses who have the right attitude and are able to put the welfare of others first.

The Francis Report made 290 recommendations to deliver better care, at the heart of this is the desire to put patients first and ensure that they are listened to.

Sue Higgs says: "Nursing my husband, John, was a hard time and big learning curve. I hope my experiences can help to benefit others. I do feel like my opinions are being listened to and valued on the panel and hope that the nurses we help to choose go on to make great carers and have successful careers."

THROUGH
THE YEARS

1983...

HOMES in the West Midlands were rocked by thunderstorms which swept over the region leaving a trail of damage. Lightning bolts hit many roofs and chimneys, showering streets with rubble during the wettest April for more than 100 years.

A WOLVERHAMPTON teacher was voted top of the class after fighting a blaze at Oxley Primary School. Philip Hall leapt into action with a fire extinguisher when he spotted the fire in a classroom during lunch time.

FOUR workmates at Dudley factory Kennametal were celebrating after scooping a £300,000 pools jackpot. The win was particularly sweet for Ernie Willetts, who stayed in the syndicate despite being made redundant two months earlier.

1993...

SURGEONS performed a rare operation to save the career of an 18-year-old Wolves player who broke his neck in a freak accident. Darren Shaw became the first patient in the Midlands to undergo an operation in which a metal screw was used to rejoin the top of his spine to a bone in his skull.

WALSALL pensioners launched a postcard campaign aimed at preserving their free travel passes. Members of the Walsall branch of the National Pensioners' Convention went down to London to protest against government plans to cut free travel for the elderly.

A WIN on the pools proved too exciting for Kidderminster great-grandmother Nan Bradley, who passed out while discussing ways to spend her £768,000 jackpot.

2003...

PENSIONERS were encouraged to return to wartime tactics in the battle to stop yobs terrorising their neighbourhood. Elderly residents in Wordsley were advised by police to tape up their windows in a criss-cross pattern - a technique used in the 1940s to stop glass flying into homes during bombings.

NEARLY 40 per cent of roads in Dudley were crumbling and in urgent need of repair. The results were published by the Department of Transport after a series of high-tech tests across the borough during 2001/02.

WOLVERHAMPTON'S lollipop men and women were honoured at a special ceremony to mark 50 years of the service. To mark the national anniversary, all 105 school crossing patrols were invited to the event at the civic centre by Wolverhampton City Council.

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Give people a place of their own

LOCAL media have revealed that nearly £20m will be invested in new affordable housing in Walsall this year as Walsall Housing Group develops run-down sites as part of a three-year project.

This new build is desperately needed in Darlaston and Moxley and is clear evidence that investment in public sector housing brings results to our most disadvantaged communities.

We know the new housing developments at Harrowby Road and Curtin Drive, both Moxley, will include properties for rent and sale. What has still to be established is how many properties will be allocated or purchased by people on the lengthy waiting lists from the Moxley area.

I request that every assistance, information and guidance is provided to local Moxley families.

We all know WHG operates an accessible, equality-based letting system which provides houses on need but, how are local families to benefit from new properties built in the community to help reduce our local waiting lists? We need transparency and effective communication.

On the Harrowby Road site 79 properties will be for rent while 159 are for private purchase.

It is important to our young families to know that the new houses can become their homes.

I am seeking a meeting with WHG to ascertain how information will be

made available to families in the Moxley area.

Assistance is needed urgently with information on 'first buyer' schemes which may be available to some.

In the building process local firms will be used and local apprentices given opportunities as future builders in training.

Let's all hope that the delivery of the new properties helps meet the desperate housing needs of local people in Moxley and alleviates current housing problems, rather than frustrating people's aspirations for a place of their own.

Councillor Doug James
Horton Street
Walsall

Call for photos of Korean War fallen soldiers

I am acting on behalf of the authorities at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan South Korea, where over 800 British Servicemen are at rest.

The authorities wish to obtain photographs of those servicemen interred there, and also those who died but have no known grave.

These photographs will be attached to their records and also displayed permanently on the wall of the Hall of Remembrance within the cemetery grounds.

The following are just a few of the young men from the West Midlands who gave their lives in Korea:

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Cpl. Norman Fenemer; Pte. Gerald Chapman; Pte. Frederick Gill; Fus. Francis H Roberts; Mne. William L J Jauncey (RM); Pte. Donald Hargreaves; L/Cpl. Thomas E Owen; Cnr Stephen Foy; Cpl. Ronald B Babb (RM).

Any family who lost a loved one in the Korean War 1950-53, and wish to take part can send the photograph to me at the below address, or contact me by phone on 0161 789 7633, or email me at james.grundy102@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

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Sick are target of new employment legislation

NOT happy with preventing absent parents from having their children overnight, via the 'bedroom tax', this Government has chosen to pick on long-term sick people in employment. They want to introduce legislation in the workplace for employees off sick for more than four weeks, subjecting them to closer scrutiny to get them back to work sooner.

This Government is out of touch with the public and has got hold of the wrong end of the stick. I am an ex-senior shop steward and worked with management very closely. We found that long-term sickness absence was genuine and accounted for one third of all sickness. The main sickness came from employees taking one or two days off work, for various reasons. Companies who introduced a non-sick bonus actually reduced sickness payment by 50 per cent. However, councils are reluctant to introduce such systems on principal, even though their sickness payments would be halved.

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NEWS



One Dead End - Stuart Dorrance, Redvers Maisuria-Clark, Vimal Korpai, Keith Casablanca, and Roger Shepherd

Move aside 1D, this tribute band is a hit

LIST the names Liam, Harry, Zayn, Louis and Niall to almost any teenage girl and it is likely to prompt a shrill shriek and confession of love.

But move aside One Direction - because Stuart, Roger, Vimal, Keith and Redvers are making their own claim to the fame game.

The 'man band', who formed One Dead End as a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the chart-topping heartthrobs, have established their own cult following with fan clubs as far afield as South America and central Europe. All this despite their slogan being "Like One Direction, but with No Direction".

And just like 1D, the middle-aged men from 1DE boast Black Country blood among their ranks. Stuart Dorrance, aged 51, and Roger Shepherd, 56, hail from Willenhall while friends Vimal Korpai, 44, and Keith Casablanca, 58, are Birmingham boys and Redvers Maisuria-Clark has Nottingham roots.

It comes as Liam Payne, from Bushbury, continues to enjoy soar-away success with One Direction.

Much to their surprise, 1DE members have been inundated with

by Rob Colledge

messages from across the globe as well as fan clubs in far-flung locations. The band is even planning a film, which they hope will be filmed in the Black Country.

Actor and comedy writer Mr Dorrance, who regularly appears in BBC1 soap Doctors with Mr Casablanca, said: "We got together last August. I was watching the TV and One Direction were on and I thought that it would be quite funny to form a middle-aged version."

Similar

"Like One Direction, but with No Direction. Instead of 1D we are 1DE. I gathered a few friends together, wrote a song and away we went. We've picked similar stage names to One Direction and as Liam Payne is from Wolverhampton, I automatically became Ivor Payne."

"It all started off as a bit of a joke, but things really did start to take off. We now have fan clubs in Venezuela, Peru and Poland. An American woman found Keith Casablanca on Facebook and begged him for backstage passes. Someone in Brazil



Evelyn Bailey is entertained by the band



And it's the real One Direction

baked us a cake with 1DE on the top."

The friends, who post their videos on YouTube but do not play gigs, have recorded three songs called Together, The Best Christmas of All, and Smile. Mr Dorrance writes the songs and plays instruments while his fellow band members sing.

The latest song, Smile, is about bringing happiness to the elderly. The video sees the group visit a care home where they sing to cheer up the residents.

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NEWS

Murder victim was to become a father again

Driver had lucky escape



Wolverhampton Road in Walsall was closed for half an hour after this car ended up on its side following a collision with a lamp post

A DRIVER had a lucky escape when his car overturned on a main road in Walsall. The red Kia hatchback ended up on its side along the A454 Wolverhampton Road.

It knocked over a lamp post, and there was broken glass and debris strewn across the road.

By the time fire crews and paramedics arrived at the scene, the man had got out of the vehicle and did not appear to be badly injured. He was checked over at the scene by ambulance staff who declared he had suffered minor injuries.

Police closed Wolverhampton Road from its junction with Pargeter Street for half an hour while the car was moved in the wake of the smash at 7.30am on Saturday.

West Midlands Police spokesman Pete Edney said: "There was just one vehicle involved. It was reported to us just after 7.30am. The driver in his 40s suffered minor injuries. A lamp post was damaged. The road was blocked off for a while but soon reopened."

Passer-by Ann Wright, aged 28, who saw the car on its side, said: "I was driving to work in Wolverhampton at the time and spotted the car on the other side of the road. It looked like a really bad accident. The car looked badly damaged. I'd say it had been written off."

"I'm surprised the driver made it out with just minor injuries. He was very lucky not to be seriously injured."

THE family of murdered takeaway driver Yasser Abbas have spoken of their heartbreak as it emerged he was due to become a father for the second time.

The 28-year-old was set upon by three thugs wielding weapons in a quiet cul-sac in Alumwell on Saturday, April 13.

Police have launched a murder probe after Mr Abbas, of Raleigh Street, Birchills, died in hospital from his injuries.

His uncle, Tariq Hussain, 45, revealed that his nephew's wife Shabam is due to give birth this month.

He said Mr Abbas's father Firat Khan, mother Shanaz Khan and his three sisters were "completely shattered".

He said: "They haven't stopped crying since he passed away. We cannot believe what has happened."

Loved

"We can't understand why anybody would do this. He was a lovely lad and absolutely loved by everyone. No human being in this world deserves to be killed like he was. I can't put into words how this is affecting the family."

The former Alumwell Comprehensive School student had a four-year-old son, Daniel, and had started working as a take-away delivery driver.

Mr Hussain added: "Yasser loved his son Daniel so much. You always saw the two of them together. He was looking forward to the birth of his new baby and was very excited about it. He loved his family. His wife is due to give birth any day and she is heart-broken."

"Daniel is asking where is Daddy is and now there is a baby who will never meet his father. It doesn't make any sense."

Police believe Mr Abbas and a colleague were deliberately ambushed by the three men in Madison Avenue in the early hours. Anyone with information can call detectives on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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NEWS

Buses take collectors all around the world

Report by Rob Gollgedge

YOU know the saying – you wait all day for a bus, and then two come along at once.

Super-hobbyist Geoff Price decided to skip the waiting game, instead accumulating the world's biggest model bus collection at the Walsall home he shares with wife Linda.

The enthusiasts have amassed a staggering 12,717 models from across the globe. From an 8ft-long motorised version to an architect's model no bigger than a fingertip, their collection fills nearly every room of their Newquay Road home – in fact four years ago they even built an extension to house many of their beloved buses.

Officials from the Guinness Book of Records have validated the flabbergasting fleet for a fourth time, confirming Mr Price as the world's number one miniature bus collector.

Dinky

The collection cost tens of thousands of pounds and is specially insured. The rare collectors' models can reach thousands of pounds individually, while some cost just a couple of pence.

Classic car show organiser Mr Price, aged 62, has been collecting since he was eight-years-old when he was bought a Dinky Toy. It is a passion that has never abated.

He said: "I had a couple of hundred and then I started travelling and that opened up a whole new opportunity."

"More recently the invention of the internet has really seen the collection explode."

"I have them out of every material imaginable – tin, glass, coal, silver, plastic. You name it, I've got it. We've also got them in all sorts of shapes and sizes including cookie jars and cups."

The collection features toys and ornaments from far-flung locations



All aboard – Geoff Price, of Walsall, who has a huge collection of buses selling his four-wheel favourites to fund his daughter's university fees.

The Prices paid £199 for return flights, stayed in a hotel, and paid £4,000 for boxes of buses. They then had to pay a surcharge for the extra weight when they arrived at the airport. Their next stop is Mexico, which they hope to go to in the next year. Another destination is Sri Lanka.

"Over the past nine years we have been going to Sri Lanka and have probably bought over 600 from there," said Mr Price.

"When me and my wife go there they absolutely love it and we have TV cameras and newspaper reporters and photographers come to our hotel to see us."



Bradford Place Interchange

Bus Stand Changes Monday 29th April 2013
(temporary changes 25th - 28th April)

Centro is making changes to the bus interchange at Bradford Place. These changes are happening to allow more reliable services and a clearer, quicker and safer passage for buses.

Work will take place between Thursday 25th April and Sunday 28th April to reduce the number of stands from five to four on the Saddlers Centre side. Some services will need to use temporary stands while this work takes place.

Once work is complete, bus services will be using new stands from 29th April 2013. The table shows you where your services will depart from both during the works and once the changes have been completed.

(Please note there will no longer be a stand U at the interchange)



Service	Destination	Temporary stand (25th - 28th April)	New stand (from 29th April)	Operator
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38	Wednesbury via Manor Hospital and Darlaston	Q	Q	NX
39	Wolverhampton via Darlaston and Bilston	T2	Q	NX
9*	Lodge Farm via Darlaston	T3	R	ARR
334*	Bilston via Darlaston	T2	R	ARR
334*	Bilston via Darlaston	T1	R	CPE / ECS
4*	Blackheath via West Bromwich and Oldbury	X (DIA) W (NX)	S & T	DIA / NX
4M*	Merry Hill via West Bromwich, Oldbury and Blackheath	X (DIA) W (NX)	S & T	DIA / NX
4H	Halesowen via West Bromwich, Oldbury and Blackheath	X (DIA) W (NX)	S & T	DIA / NX
335	Alumwell via Manor Hospital	Q	V	ARR/CPE
401E	Yew Tree via Palfrey and Delves	T3	W	DIA
45	West Bromwich	V	W	NX
311	Dudley via Wednesbury	T4	X	NX
313	Dudley via Wednesbury	T4	X	NX

*From 29th April, timetables on these service are changing (only Diamond services are affected on service 4 and 4M).

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Swapping roles



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Sales executive Lynda Riding said: "As charity champion for energy I organise events, collect money and get the team motivated and brainstorming ideas for new and exciting ways to raise money for our charity partner."

"Ray Woodall definitely put in one of the best efforts dressing up as an elderly woman with Zimmer frame and all."

The energy supplier has chosen the trust as its new charity partner and aims to raise £400,000 for it over the next two years.

The company also plans fundraising events including a car wash, a cake bake and a raffle to win Saddlers tickets.

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Town centre pub to get revamp and a new name

MORE than £400,000 will be ploughed into renovating a prominent Walsall town centre pub after ownership changed hands.

Varsity, in Darwall Street, has closed ahead of the major refurbishment work which will include lifting part of the roof off the building to create a courtyard.

Building work on the pub, now owned by Amber Taverns, is due to start on May 7, with plans to reopen in June.

Previous owner Bramwell Pub Company recently sold the pub, safeguarding the roles of its five staff.

by Lisa O'Brien

Ideas

It is planned to open the pub under a new name and a competition is under way for the public to come forward with their ideas. The winner's name will feature on a plaque in the newly-renovated bar area.

Licensee Lindsey McGovern said: "They are looking at putting a courtyard in at the rear of the building, which will involve taking off part of the roof."

"They are relocating the ladies' toilets and repainting the inside of the building. The bar will be in the same location but it will be a bit smaller. They are going for a more traditional look."

"We are hoping to get it

finished by June 24. It's an expensive refurbishment which will cost in the region of between £400,000 and £500,000."

The mother-of-two, aged 38, said it would offer cask ales and a sports as part of the bar entertainment.

Miss McGovern, who has been the manager for more than three years, said: "We will continue to provide a friendly service. I'm really excited. It's been a long time since the pub had a refurb."

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CLUB NEWS

Yarns talk is just sew delightful

BILBROOK WI

THE evening began in the usual way with the singing of Jerusalem, members and visitors welcomed, and apologies and minutes of previous meeting.

President Julie read out the notices and finalised details for the Afternoon Tea Group meeting which Bilbrook is hosting.

Speaker for the evening, was Polly Jane Yarns, who went on to explain how Polly Jane Yarns came about. She is an accordion player who gives talks on that subject and once someone ask her if she gave talks on any other subject and as her other interests were knitting, crocheting and lace making she said she would have a think about it.

As luck would have it quite accidentally she met someone called Jane who had similar interests and struck up a friendship, they went to various lace and craft conventions and seeing the beautiful yarns available these days had the idea of setting up a small business, which took off.

Some beautiful yarns were passed around, some examples of the mixture of yarns were wool and pure silk and also alpaca. A question time followed and the ladies were invited to look at the patterns and accessories.

Rita gave a vote of thanks and this was followed by refreshments and a raffle.

On May 14, Chris Wallace will give a talk on the funny side of wildlife photography.

Guild given Hagley Hall history lesson



Lord Cobham was the March meeting speaker

WOLLASTON 'E' TWG

LORD Christopher Cobham was the guest speaker at the March meeting, which was well attended by 52 members and four visitors, all welcomed by chairman Jean Latham.

A minutes silence was observed for former member Peggy Littley. Secretary Sue Ward then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly passed.

Treasurer Margaret Gregory gave a favourable report of the financial situation, followed by reports from the various sub-section leaders.

Lord Cobham gave an interesting talk on both the history of Hagley Hall and the family, he inherited approximately six years ago.

The house itself dates from the 18th century, when it was built for the costly sum of £12,500, by the first Lord Lytton.

Everyone enjoyed this humorous and enlightening talk and enquiries were made regarding public tours of the hall.

Refreshments were served and the raffle winners were Sue Llewellyn and Carol Longmore.

The May 14 meeting, at 7.30pm in St James church hall, incorporates the spring fair and floral demonstration.

Badges for long service

PRESIDENT Sue Cotterell announced that the present committee are all prepared to stand again, Sue Bicknell was welcomed on to the committee.

Rita Brown is remaining as a committee member but standing down from organising outings.

She was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

TRYSULL & SEISDON WI

Three long-standing members, Kay, Eve and Margaret were presented with certificates and badges for being in the WI for 60 years. The competition rosebowl was won by Liz Gilson.

Speakers John Walker and Ann Griffiths, both keen photographers, stepped in at short notice to take members on the toy train to Shilma.

On May 9, the ladies are having a Nova chocolate evening with a talk and demonstration. The competition is for a chocolate cupcake.

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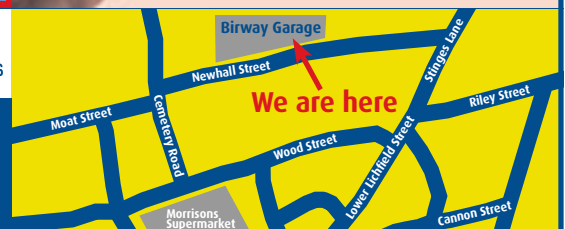


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NEWS

Showcase for industrial heritage



Museum assistant Dave Bott at the industrial exhibition at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery in Holyhead Road. An exhibition which charts the social and industrial history of a Black Country town has opened.

Curators from Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery have worked alongside Wednesbury Local History Society to stage the exhibition. It focuses on the town's industrial history and its main employers Patent Shaft steelworks and FH Lloyd.

Known locally as The Shaft, the Patent Shaft steel factory provided jobs for generations of steel workers before it

closed in 1980. FH Lloyd was established in 1879 on the Park Lane site near the borders with Walsall. Specialising in large, high quality castings, the company operated for more than 100 years. The site is now occupied by Ikea.

Wednesbury Local History Society and the museum are also holding reunions for ex-employees of the firms.

The Patent Shaft steelworks gathering is on May 11 from 1pm to 4pm, with FH Lloyd's in June. The exhibition runs at the museum until June 15.

Cemetery work is halted

WORK at a new 32,000-plot private cemetery near Brownhills has been halted by council bosses after planning rules were breached.

Springhill Cemetery Group is creating the burial space off the Walsall Road, between Lichfield and Brownhills. But bosses at Lichfield District Council said last week that the scheme had been stopped after some work started without proper permission.

A temporary stop notice has been served on Amer Waheed, the boss of Springhill Cemetery Group. It will last

for 28 days. The notice states fencing was wrongly installed and that landscaping has started when it should not have.

Kamran Saleem, sales and administration manager for Springhill, said today: "There is an issue with the council. One of our workers has put up some fencing and put some plants in."

Stopped

"We've downed our tools and work has stopped."

"We've been in contact with the council to ask what landscaping works we are allowed to do."

He added: "It's a really frustrating

time but we expect it to be sorted shortly."

BT engineers were allowed to move onto the site last week. National Grid will also be starting their side of the works soon.

Roadworks, including the construction of a new roundabout, can still go ahead despite the stop notice at the site and will be launched within the next few weeks.

Motorists have been warned of delays during the work to create the huge new cemetery.

Springhill Cemetery is still on schedule to open for burials in the autumn, bosses said.

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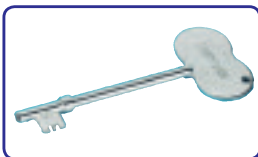
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BOOK REVIEWS

Family first for Black Country rock legend

LED Zeppelin's John Bonham wanted to be the best drummer in the world but a re-released book by his late brother Mick tells how he was equally determined to be the best father, son and brother.

John Bonham: The Powerhouse Behind Led Zeppelin (paperback, Southbank Publishing, £14.99), back in print, says he achieved both aims.

Much has been written about the excesses of what was the biggest rock band in the world in the 1970s but this very personal account explains how important his family were to Bonham before he died in his sleep in 1980, aged just 32, from asphyxia after drinking 40 shots of vodka.

He bought Mick a new MGB sports car for his 21st birthday. He set up a building firm to employ Mick and his father and he banned his sister Debbie

from watching him play because of the crowds.

Bonham's son Jason was into motor-bikes and the drummer would sponsor scramble meetings. A riders' presentation night was held at Stourport Civic Hall and Bonham needed no second invitation to get up on stage and play.

Bonham also loved his roots. He was born near Redditch and appeared with several local bands.

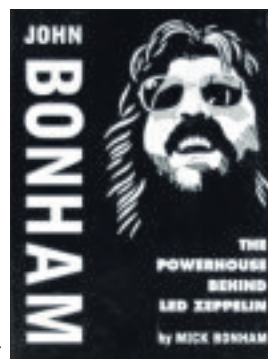
Lafayette

He and wife Pat had a flat at Eye Hill in Dudley and neighbours would complain about his Bentley.

In 1969 John hired the Lafayette Club in Wolverhampton for Pat's 21st birthday and Led Zeppelin played an impromptu set. Mothers in Erdington High Street in Birmingham was another favourite venue.

In short, Bonham earned the pride of his family and the West Midlands.

Tony Attwater



John Bonham by his brother Mick

Curries, cameras and the cosmos

THE Hairy Bikers' Great Curries (hardback, Orion, £20) is the latest and spiciest offering from irrepressible TV duo Si King and Dave Myers.

They draw upon recipes from around the world, not just India but Jamaica, Thailand, Japan and The Philippines, plus Britain's own Brum balti belt, for a curry cookbook classic.

Those inspired by The Hairy Dieters' Cookbook will also appreciate the lighter curry dishes.

Anyone who wants to do more with their digital camera than take standard holiday snaps and use auto-settings can find the expertise they need in the updated fourth edition of **Digital Photography: An Introduction** (paperback, Dorling Kindersley, £9.99) by the award-winning

lensman Tom Ang.

Refreshingly free of jargon, Ang's illustrated guide will soon get amateur togs taking much better photographs.

If you haven't got a coffee table, you will want to get one for **Universe: The Definitive Visual Guide** (hardback, Dorling Kindersley, £30). This large book contains striking images of the sun, planets and further reaches of the universe.

It is both a handsome volume and highly informative one, a perfect introduction to astronomy for a youngster.

Essentially an update on the 2005 edition, its only minus is that its deadline

came too soon to include the successful landing of the Mars Rover Curiosity last summer and its initial discoveries on the red planet.

Richard Dawkins gives an admirably straightforward introduction to science and the natural world in his good-humoured book **The Magic of Reality** (paperback, Black Swan, £8.99). It is easy to digest yet authoritative, accessible to both children and adults – and has no time for the supernatural. **LB**

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Row over money for The Lea greenery

PLANS to restore an overgrown Walsall green space to a tidy state has sparked a spat between councillors.

More than £40,000 has been allocated towards the improvement of land at The Lea, which had been saved by campaigners after plans were submitted to use the site for new homes.

Regeneration boss Councillor Adrian Andrews has backed the scheme describing the investment as "money well spent."

But the decision hasn't been popular among all of the councillors, some seeing the decision as a poor use of vital public funds.

Councillor Pete Smith, the Democratic Labour representative for

Blakenall Ward has criticised Bloxwich East Labour Councillor Kath Phillips for her lack of support for the project, which is located in her ward.

He said: "Her reference to this land as 'scrub land' was an insult to the hundreds of local residents, including 236 residents in Councillor Phillips' Bloxwich East ward, who signed the petition and joined the campaign last year to save the Lea from the property developers."

Developers

He claimed: "Her criticism has 'let the cat out of the bag', namely that had the Labour group taken control of the council last year, they would have sided with the developers, rather than the residents, and

allowed the Lea to be built on."

In response, Councillor Phillips accused Mr Smith of neglecting other issues.

"To be honest spending £42,000 on what is, and has always been, scrub land is ridiculous," said Councillor Mrs Phillips.

"It's a practical matter and there are lots of projects in this borough that could do with that amount of money."

She said that Councillor Smith was making The Lea a political issue when what Walsall needed was more homes.

She added: "I don't think the money will make a dent on the land. There are other parks and areas facing cuts with far worse problems."



Councillors Kath Phillips and Pete Smith do not see eye to eye over the future of The Lea in Goscote



Singing postman ready to deliver on The X Factor

WALSALL'S singing postman is the closest he has ever been to realising his dream of hitting the big time.

Nathan Farrell, aged 27, has took part in several national singing competitions but now the father-of-two from Bloxwich has almost reached his goal of getting exposure on top TV talent show The X Factor.

"I have been before and waited all day in the queue to end up not being picked," he said.

"I have been on so many other shows but has always been the one I've wanted to get on."

Success at the Birmingham auditions saw him finish ahead of many other hopefuls and now he is waiting to hear whether he will be chosen to appear on the show, in front of the celebrity judges, when it is filmed later this year.



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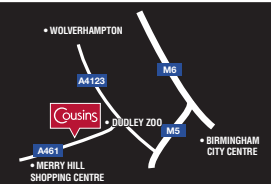
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NEWS

Man smashed car lights in row over mother's will

Forging a bright future



Furnaceman Anthony Westwood at the WH Tildesley forge extension. AN expansion scheme costing more than £1 million which promises to safeguard the future of a historic Willenhall factory and create new jobs has been completed.

Two new forge buildings have been built at WH Tildesley and the shop floor area has been extended, making room for future growth.

The firm has also increased capacity by expanding the parts it supplies to the aerospace industry. The regeneration scheme is expected to create up to eight new roles to add to a workforce of around 50.

The company, at the Clifford Works in Bow Street, supplies the aerospace, oil, motorsport and pharmaceutical industries and has been

going for more than 130 years.

The regeneration scheme involved refurbishing and rebedding all forge hammers using the latest damping technology to minimise vibration.

WH Tildesley spokesman Phil Hobley said: "We now have a thoroughly modern manufacturing facility. The improvements provide better working conditions and help to ensure we meet the latest environmental standards."

"The work flow through the factory is improved and the increase in available shop floor area means that we have the option to install additional production capacity to accommodate future growth."

A MAN who harassed his brother-in-law with threats before smashing his car lights claimed he was being cheated over his mother's will, a court heard.

Stephen Lowe, 54, harassed David Beckett via phone calls and text messages before carrying out the attack, Walsall Magistrates Court heard.

Mr Van French, prosecuting, said Lowe's mother had recently died and tensions had arisen in the family over the will. The court was told that Mr Beckett and his wife Janet, Lowe's sister, were the executors of the will.

Mr French said: "Because they were concerned about the possible behaviour of Lowe, they blocked out details of the solicitors who were responsible for the drawing up of the will. That led to Lowe believing he had been cheated in some way."

Threats

Mr French said Lowe began a campaign of phone calls and texts, sending 12 messages over a few days to Mr Beckett, which included threats. One of the messages read: "When I do find out how much you try to rob off me, I won't just hit, I will glass you."

Mr Beckett reported the incident to police but Lowe went round to Mr Beckett's address in Fordwater Road, Streetly.

"Neighbours heard banging coming from the property. Lowe seemed to be striking the front door with a claw hammer," Mr French said Lowe then smashed the rear lights on Mr Beckett's Land Rover.

Lowe, a window cleaner, was arrested and told police in an interview that he had wanted the solicitor's name because he believed he was being deprived of assets in the will. He admitted picking up a piece of slate and causing the damage.

Lowe, of Hurlingham Road, Kingstanding, admitted one charge of harassment between April 5 and 12 this year and two charges of criminal damage.

In mitigation, Miss Sarah Froggatt told the hearing he regretted his actions. She said: "He was acting out of character."

District Judge Michael Morris adjourned the case until April 30 for a pre-sentence report to be prepared and Lowe was remanded in custody until the hearing.

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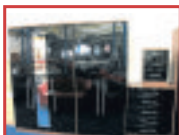
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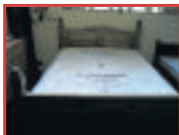
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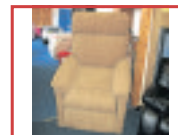
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Nicki's full of praise for her wheely great friends



Nicki Walsh from Cheslyn Hay, with her brand new mobility scooter purchased with the help of friends

A DISABLED woman from Cheslyn Hay has thanked her community after friends from her local pub pooled together to buy her a mobility scooter.

Retired police officer Nicki Walsh suffers from erratic joint pains that regularly leave her unable to move.

Now, for the first time since developing the condition 15 months ago, she is able to get around comfortably, thanks

to locals at the New Inns pub, in Station Street, who unexpectedly announced they had been saving for the vehicle.

Amazing

They have since installed a power source in Nicki's garden for charging the scooter and have also pledged to build a covered parking spot.

Nicki, aged 47, of Woodman Lane, said: "I think it's amazing what every-

one has done. It was a bit of a shock. I can't thank them enough. They really are an amazing group of friends."

Doctors have not yet diagnosed Nicki's condition, but they believe it could be related to osteoarthritis she developed after being attacked during her time working for West Midlands Police in Walsall. The former Cheslyn Hay High School student was beaten up at a pub 13 years ago and developed joint problems soon after.

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NEWS

Charity aid for Shanay



Mark Bates, from Balls to Cancer, hands over a cheque to, from left, Sue Bera, Shanay Lewis and Samantha Bera

A CANCER charity has donated £1,000 to a fundraising drive to help a 12-year-old girl travel overseas for pioneering treatment for a recurring brain tumour.

It takes the total amount of cash generated for Shanay Lewis to £4,500 as she prepares to fly to America this week. The Balls to Cancer charity has handed over the money to Shanay's family. Shanay, of Wolverhampton, has undergone eight operations on the growth but it has recently returned.

Doctors are not willing to operate again so the NHS is paying for her to receive special proton therapy in the US. Her family needs help for them to be able to stay too.

Her grandmother Sue Bera, an advertising worker at the Express & Star, said: "We have been absolutely overwhelmed with the support we have received and we are so grateful. It makes you realise how generous everyone is."

Home sales in region are highest in the UK

THE West Midlands remains the UK's housing market hotspot, with more homes sold this year than anywhere else – including London.

The number of houses sold remained at a high level for the third month in a row in March as confidence continued to increase in the market.

by Simon Penfold

Chartered surveyors sold 22 homes on average over the three months, level with February and up slightly on January. The national average was 17 sold in March.

But pricing was another matter, indicating that sellers are taking a hit to find buyers.

Viewings

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which published the findings, said 21 per cent of surveyors nationwide reported an increase in prices – the highest proportion recorded since June 2010.

Black Country estate agency Paul Dubberley & Co says activity levels are definitely picking up.

The firm, which has offices in Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Great Bridge, Willenhall, Walsall and Bilston, said viewings had

risen 32 per cent on the same period last year, with sales ahead eight per cent. Managing partner Lee Morton said: "Pent-up demand has been building for quite a while – at some point something had to give."

Mr Morton said the trend was probably also a reflection of mortgages becoming more available, continued low interest rates, and lenders being more flexible.

He added: "I think there is also a feeling that house prices are at the cheapest they are going to go and the next move is likely to be up. People are deciding they had better go for it now or risk missing out."

The number of homes on the market in the West Midlands has remained stable, meaning little fresh stock coming onto the market to attract buyers.

Plant sale is a blooming good idea to raise funds

LIONS clubs across the region have combined to offer plant-lovers the chance to place orders for blooms and help good causes. The Plant Sale Project is being run by Burntwood, Walsall and Kingswinford & Stourbridge branches of the Lions.

They are distributing 20,000 booklets to allow customers to place their orders. This year's delivery date is May 18. A website www.lionsplantsale.co.uk has been set up to allow customers to view the range and order online. Walsall Lions can take orders from, and deliver to WS1, WS2, WS3, WS4, WS5, WS9, WS10 postcode areas. Minimum order £10.

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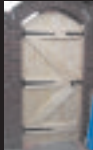
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REVIEWS

New Jersey night to remember **Broadway and beyond**

New Jersey Nights, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

HAVING seen the West End show Jersey Boys I thought that this was going to be a pale imitation – how wrong could I be?

New Jersey Nights follows the same path, a celebration of the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, and this international smash hit show which has come direct from the USA for a UK tour had everything that the West End show had – and more. The cast, Damion Scarcella, Duncan Heather,

Jon Hawkins and Ricky Rojas, took us on a musical journey through the career of one of the biggest-selling groups of all times and included a very accomplished dance team – the three girls doubled up to give us a taste of girl groups The Ronettes and The Crystals.

All the favourites were there, Sherry, Rag Doll, Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like A Man and many, many more. And the audience needed little encouragement to join in.

Sue Attwater

Vocal gymnastics from P!nk

Pink, LG Arena, Birmingham

P!NK quite literally gave a demonstration in vocal gymnastics as she combined her singing with acrobatics.

On Sunday she opened with Raise A Glass while suspended from a bungee, performed Try on a trapeze, sang Sober while swinging around in an aerial cage and topped it off somersaulting on a high wire for the encore So What!

She and her backing dancers showed boundless energy during the two-hour Truth About Love show, though heaven knows how she did 'The Walk of Shame' in those high heels.

Fun's Nate Ruess joined via video link for the duet Just Give Me A Reason, which P!nk sang with such emotion, while she performed with just her guitarist for Who Knew and James Taylor's Fire and Rain, both of which showed the soulfulness of her voice.

The packed crowd was also treated to old material, including Just Like A Pill and Trouble, and she took us right back to where it all started with a medley of her hits from debut album Can't Take Me Home.

Signing autographs throughout, P!nk was also showered with gifts by the frenzied crowd, but I doubt whether she's ever had any more unusual than a packet of ginger cheese.

The accomplished Walk The Moon provided capable support to get the crowd going.

The American singer's second night at the LG on Monday was postponed to a date to be fixed, after a doctor confirmed that she had an inner ear and respiratory infection.

Mark Shipp



Pink in concert at the LG Arena on Sunday

The songs were well delivered and all four had good voices, well suited to the different numbers they performed.

Sue Attwater

Hall's well for comic

Rich Hall, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton

IT has been said that Americans don't get sarcasm, someone should tell Rich Hall, whose grumpy persona owes much to his deadpan delivery. The American said acts only play the Wulfrun twice – once on the way up and once on the way down – and he was making a return visit.

Describing the home of the Chubb lock, as 'the safest town in Britain', Hall was spot-on with his comparisons between this country and his homeland. He had the answer to why gun crime cannot be wiped out in the US. "You can't just round up all the assault rifles, it would be like rounding up all the spoons to tackle obesity," he quipped.

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Teeing up hospice aid



Golf club captain Roy Nicholls, kneeling, with Hannah Nolan of Acorns Hospice, club president Norman Ball and Stephen Kimbell, hotel general manager

THE captain of a Wolverhampton golf club raised more than £4,000 for a children's hospice during his year in the role. Roy Nicholls, from Patshull Park Hotel and Golf Club, named Acorn's Children Hospice in Walsall as his charity during his captaincy and spent the last 12 months raking in funds for the cause.

Roy, from Wolverhampton, said a newspaper appeal for donations by the charity inspired his choice. The 53-year-old organised golf days and quizzes and even took part in a 10-mile bike ride in aid of the hospice.

Fears after two cats are targeted by air rifle jobs

TWO cats have been shot with air rifles in the Black Country. The RSPCA says one was shot in the spine while the other was hit in the throat – the second time it had been shot in six months.

Sport at forefront says city Uni chief

A SPORTING director at the University of Wolverhampton believes sport can be at the forefront of the institution's future – and can replicate success seen at the esteemed Loughborough University.

Mike Chamberlain said he hoped big investments were made in the university's sporting activities to help inspire students.

Currently, the university offers seven sports courses and has several sports teams including judo, athletics and basketball.

Mr Chamberlain, the university's director of sport, said the department was progressing at an impressive rate.

"The sports section is burgeoning at the moment," he added. "Perhaps it's all come from the Olympics but we're getting the value that sport has given."

"Hopefully we can start out on the path that Loughborough did a few years ago."

It is feared they are part of a spate of animal shootings in the area that have taken place over recent months.

Nine-year-old Cylde was found paralysed by his owners in their garden in Broadmeadow Green, Bilston.

They rushed him to the vets where an X-ray showed he had been shot three times with an air gun.

Nothing further could be done to help him and he was put to sleep.

In the Willenhall shooting the female cat survived being shot in the throat – even though she had to undergo an operation to remove the pellet.

Her owners have revealed she was also shot in the side in October.

Vital

It's understood there have been further reports in the Willenhall area over the last few months and West Midlands Police have been alerted to the shootings.

RSPCA inspector Julie Lyons said: "It is absolutely vital that if anyone saw anything suspicious or knows of anyone shooting at animals in the area that they come forward with information."

Anyone with information is urged to call Julie on the RSPCA inspector appeal line on 0300 123 8018.

Boxing clever with kit

AN amateur boxing club celebrating its first anniversary has secured a £3,000 kit sponsorship deal. Wolverhampton-based Essington Golden Gloves ABC was opened in April 2012 by former champion Richie Carter. It regularly attracts up to 50 boxers to training sessions. Now recruitment firm Gap Personnel has supplied kits and equipment.

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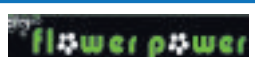
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Young and old, many in the Sunday best, gather to state their case



Large numbers of strikers and their families gather in the town centre



Women queue for bread for their families as the strike takes hold

When thousands joined strike that left many on the verge of starvation



Shopkeepers showed their support for strikers seen waiting in the Market Place for handouts of free food

IT WAS a mass protest that left Black Country workers on the verge of starvation and created ripples felt nationally.

And now, 100 years on, events have been organised to commemorate the anniversary of the 1913 Wednesbury Tube Strike.

It saw thousands of men in the Black Country come out in support of workers seeking wage parity with their Birmingham colleagues who were earning 23 shillings a week, which was still a low wage for the time.

Freelance writer and history enthusiast Brendan Hawthorne, who recently gave a lecture at Wednesbury Library, said although it is a story of hardship, austerity and tragic consequences, there are still comic moments, funny stories and music to lighten the dark times.

There are so many parallels with today. The balance of standing up for your rights but also putting food on the table is still in evidence a hundred

by David Lumb

years on," he said. The strike started on May 9 when 200 workers from Crown Works demanded higher wages. Large numbers of strikers gathered in the Market Place.

It spread across the Black Country, and in a matter of weeks, there were up to 50,000 people involved.

During the unrest, families struggled for basic food items and relied on charity to help them through the tough times.

Shopkeepers showed their support by giving away free food, there were visits to the region by major figures such as the trade unionist Tom Man, and there were marches to London and south Wales.

After three months of unrest, the strikers returned to work after the employers agreed on a minimum wage of 22 shillings a week for unskilled labourers.

Mr Hawthorne, of Wharfedale Street,

Wednesbury, added: "So little is known about this event that I feel I need to show the townsfolk of Wednesbury how strong-minded and brave their ancestors were."

Wednesbury historian Paul Fantom will be giving a talk to Wednesbury History Society on May 7.

"I think this is a period that has been overlooked by historians but it is of huge importance," said Mr Fantom, aged 45.

"This protest sparked a growth in trade unionism. You went from a situation where workers were on 18 shillings a week – and we have social research saying a family needed a minimum of 21 shillings a week to survive – to an improved standard of living."

"It's something that should be celebrated for the impact it had on communities."

Mr Fantom's talk is expected to take place at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery. Call 0121 556 0683 for information.



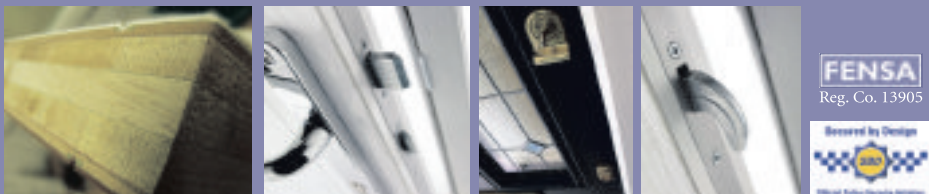
Brandon Hawthorne said although the strike had tragic consequences it still had its comic moments

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Wolves players celebrate the 1974 League Cup win over Manchester City

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Players taking part including John Richards, Kenny Hibbitt, Derek Parkin, Phil Parkes, Willie Carr, Steve Daley and Dave Wagstaffe, who will all be attending the Premier Suite's 1970s Wolves Legends Dinner on April 28.

Richards made 385 appearances for Wolves between 1969 and 1983 scoring 144 goals. He famously scored the winning goal in the 1974 League Cup final against Manchester City

which Wolves won 2-1. He also won an England cap against Northern Ireland.

Midfielder Steve Daley played for Wolves from 1971 to 1979 making 212 appearances and scoring 38 goals.

Comedian

In 1979 he was transferred to Manchester City for a British record fee of £1,437,500.

Left winger Wagstaffe made 324 appearances for Wolves between 1964 and 1976, scoring 27 goals.

Another former Molineux star, winger Steve Kindon has since made a career on the after-dinner circuit as a compere and will act as Master of Ceremonies at the Legends dinner.

Wolves fan and comedian, Cannock-based Ian Sludge Lees will also be taking to the stage to provide plenty of humour.

Scott Murray, owner of The Premier Suite, in High Green, said: "These players are legends at Wolves with many of them playing in the team which won the League Cup Final at Wembley against Man City back in 1974. It is just fantastic to get them all together for an evening of nostalgia."

"It will be an opportunity for Wolves fans to come along and be a part of a fabulous get together of Wolves legends."

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John Richards in his Wolves days

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Rosie's Walk 2013, which will have a summer holiday theme, takes place on July 21 in Bosty Lane and will also involve a talent show, live music and fun fair.

People are urged to sign up for a one or three-mile walk, held in honour of teenager Rosie Ross, killed in a random attack in Birmingham in 2001.

Raffle

The event raises money for the Rosie's Helping Hands charity. It will take place from noon to 4pm. Entertainment will be provided by local bands and artists. There will be stalls, a tombola and a raffle.

Last year's event, which also celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, raised £10,000.

Sign up at the www.rosieshelpinghands.org website.

Have a go at sailing club

ALDRIDGE Sailing Club will welcome aboard potential new members at a taster day on Sunday, May 19.

The club, who sail on The Swag off Barns Lane, will allow non-members to get out on to the water with experienced sailors.

For more information visit www.aldrigesc.org.uk or call 07581 687635.

Landmark memorial work nearly finished

RESTORATION of the landmark Barr Beacon war memorial will be completed by the end of May. Work was hit by delays due to freezing temperatures and heavy snow made it difficult for contractors to get on site.

But council bosses say the £440,000 restoration will be completed this spring as intended and will be finished before the end of May.

The memorial's distinctive domed copper roof, repeatedly targeted by metal thieves, has now been replaced by zinc-coated panels and security cameras have been added.

Balustrades are due to be put in place on the steps of the memorial.

Significant

Regeneration chief Adrian Andrew, chairman of the Barr Beacon Trust, said: "We've had a couple of weeks where work hasn't been able to progress because of the severe weather but we're on course to finish the restoration in spring as intended."

"In fact, we're looking at completion before the end of May, which is fantastic news. We're really pleased with how the war memorial is looking so far and can't wait to see the finished result."

"This site is of significant historical importance yet it has been targeted by mind-

less vandals and thieves in the past and we've had to take action to stop this."

Extra security has been added by SmartWater, which has funded permanent security to catch people who vandalise or steal from the memorial.

Councillor Andrew added: "The Trust has funded permanent security to send out the very clear message to thieves that if they attack this monument they will be caught on camera."

Restoration has been funded through a £440k grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Called Raising The Barr, the project aims to turn the war memorial into a beacon of community pride for Aldridge and Walsall borough as a whole with more events being held there.

Work has been carried out by Aldridge-based Midland Conservation Ltd and includes a full restoration of the site's heritage features including its flagpole and historic tree plantation.

Masons make donation to hospice



Brian White's daughter Karen Jacklin, left, and widow Pat, right, with St Giles Walsall Hospice fundraiser Sharon White, second left, and nurse manager Helen Reeves

A MASONIC lodge in Aldridge have made a generous donation to St Giles Hospice after they helped a former member in his final days.

The Lodge of Construction 5350 raised more than £200 for the charity during their March meeting at the Masonic Hall in The Green as fellow member Brian White was receiving care.

Following his death on March 28 funds were handed over to St Giles in recognition of the specialist treatment they provide to people with life limiting illnesses.

Grateful

Helen Relihan, head of fundraising for St Giles Hospice, said: "We are extremely grateful to the Lodge of Construction for the kind-hearted donation they made in memory of Brian and in recognition of our work in the community."

St Giles will also be holding a special lunch with entertainment at the Fairlawns Hotel and Spa on April 28 costing £25. For more information call Jenny Chin on 01922 602520.

Three-day continental market is a big success

SHOPPERS and stall holders in their hundreds turned out for another successful continental market in Aldridge.

Sellers from across Europe sold a variety of cuisines from crepes to paella alongside other traders selling crafts, jewellery and clothing.

The busy three-day event attracted families from across the borough to the town centre and children were entertained with activities including face-painting.

Aldridge businesses hailed the weekend a success despite the event having to close early on its final day due to strong winds.

Jeweller Maria Cooke, chairman of the Aldridge Village Business Partnership, who has been trading in the town for 36 years, said: "We have had a continental market in the town before but this is the first time we have had all these extra activities on too. It was the biggest one we have had yet."

Auto-jumble at museum

COLLECTORS of automotive memorabilia will be able to grab a bargain at a special fair in Aldridge.

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NEWS

Musical from wild west of Willenhall



Rootin' tootin' Lydia Lavill as Calamity Jane with the cast of Willenhall Musical Theatre Company's latest show

THE Wild West was brought back to life as a popular musical took centre stage at a Black Country theatre.

Willenhall Musical Theatre Company staged the tale of the love affair of Deadwood City's two most

famous peace officers – Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickock.

Audiences in Sedgley were promised plenty of laughs as they watched the pair get roped into helping to save the neck of Henry Miller, the local saloon

operator in classic whip-crack-away musical Calamity Jane.

The show, staged last week at the Mill Theatre, also featured popular numbers The Windy City and The Black Hills of Dakota.

STAYING IN

Explore a city in the sky

IT IS rather early to suggest THE game of the year has arrived but it will take something very special to top Bioshock Infinite (18).

If the original Bioshock and its world of iron and water was for long the best 'steampunk' style fantasy game available, well its long-awaited sequel has gone some way better with the incredible flying city of Columbia.

It is set in an alternative American 1912, where a fundamentalist cult led by a dictatorial prophet has gripped a mechanised world, where racism is rife and a floating barber shop quartet sings Beach Boys songs.

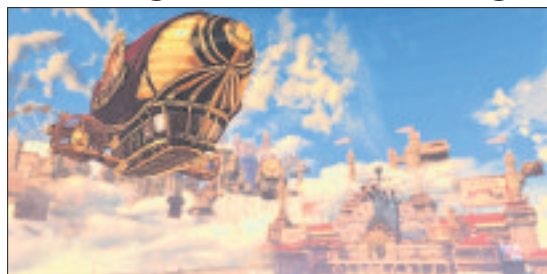
Stunning

You play as Booker DeWitt, a detective on a mission to find a mysterious girl. It is not long before the beautifully crafted graphics are blood splattered because, despite its quest and stunning imagination, this remains in essence a first person shooter.

Of course, nothing is quite what it seems in this looking glass world.

But one thing is certain, Bioshock Infinite is worth the six year wait since the original.

Leon Burakowski



Go back to the future in the 'steampunk' fantasy game Bioshock Infinite

Also available:

The Sims 3: University Life (7)

Get a degree, hit the dorm party circuit or explore off-campus in the latest life stage expansion pack for the popular computer title. EA maintain the series' eye for detail, compulsive gameplay and sense of humour.

Gears of War Judgement (18)

This series of muscle-flexing sci-fi shooters has become a staple of the game scene and the new prequel to the Gears trilogy is another solid addition, although the fragmented campaign is

sometimes at odds with arcade style thrills. Baird and co certainly have their hands full with the heavily armed alien enemies.

History Legends of War (16), Air Conflicts Pacific Carriers (16)

Tactics rather than aggression are key to victory in History's top-down viewed strategy game based on D-Day and the latter stages of the war. Pacific Carriers is a decent Second World War flight combat sim for console flyboys.

Titles either reviewed on Xbox 360 or PC but available in various formats.

Year of the comeback Cop drama

MUSICALLY 2013 is becoming the year of the comeback.

First David Bowie stunned his fans with The Next Day, his first album in ten years and probably his best since Black Tie White Noise in 1993.

Whilst lead single Where Are We Now? struck a melancholic note, the album is itself aggressively a rock album, suggesting Bowie intends to rage against the dying of the light.

Vocals

Now Bowie's 1990s Britpop heirs Suede are back with their first album in ten years.

Bloodsports finds them in classic form – Brett Anderson's vocals are at his imperious best with churning guitar from Richard

Oakes, epic keyboards from Neil Codling, propulsive drumming and bass by Simon Gilbert and Mat Osman. It Starts And Ends With You and Hit Me are as good as anything that's gone before in the Suede repertoire.

Catch them in concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on October 31.

With Stereophonics having just released their best album for years, Graffiti UO Train, and Simple Minds reactivated with a greatest hits package and tour, the previous generations are leading by example.

And get ready for the imminent returns of Black Sabbath, James, Texas, Lisa Stansfield, OMD, The B-52s and a Hyde Park concert by The Rolling Stones.

THE hand-held camera comes into its own in thrilling US cop drama End Of Watch (15), on DVD and Blu-Ray. Share a patrol car with officers Taylor (Jake Gyllenhaal) and Zavala (Michael Pena) as they experience a bad day on their LA beat.

Some may fondly remember 1970s movie The Amazing Mr Blunden (U), about Edwardian children who help a pair of ghosts right a wrong, now out on DVD.

What's On! Walsall

Synth pop pioneers returning

ELECTRO-POP pioneers OMD are back with a new album and tour, calling at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Monday.

Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark emerged during the synth boom of the 1970s, founded on the Wirral by singer and bassist Andy McCluskey with keyboardist Paul Humphreys. Their first single 'Electricity' won them a support slot on Gary Numan's tour in 1979.

Classic

OMD hit the big time the following year with Europe-wide hit 'Enola Gay', named after the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Their most successful album, 1981's 'Architecture & Morality', yielded the hits 'Souvenir', 'Joan of Arc and Maid of Orleans'. More hits followed, including 'Locomotion' and 'Tesla Girls', before Humphreys left to form The Listening Pool with drummer Malcolm Holmes and musician, turned artist, Martin Cooper.

McCluskey carried on as OMD, having success with 1991's 'Sugar Tax' album and went on to write hits for girl group Atomic Kitten.

The classic line-up came back in 2007, releasing the album 'History of Modern' in 2010. Now OMD return again with 'English Electric', their 12th studio album, combining melancholy melodies with similar electronic drive to their 80s classics.

Starsky actor among star names for Grand season

Pop singer out of a salon can spray it again

WHEN he reached the final of The X-Factor and then had a hit, former Liverpool hairdresser Marcus Collins must have thought he would never have to wield a can of hair lacquer again.

However, his first big break in musicals has come in a revival of 'Hairspray', the 1960s-set soul musical featuring big performers and even bigger hair. The bouffant blockbuster comes to Birmingham Hippodrome from May 21 to June 1.

Former Crosby crimp Marcus will play Seaweed J Stubbs, one of the coolest kids at a Baltimore high school and the love interest of Tracy Turnblad's best friend Penny Pingleton.

Musical

Marcus, who finished second to Little Mix in 2011's 'The X-Factor', had a top ten hit last year with his cover of 'The White Stripes' 'Seven Nation Army' and his self-titled debut reached number seven in the UK album chart.

The 24-year-old trained in musical theatre on Merseyside before he combined a career in hairdressing with a stint in boy band Eton Road and then got his TV talent show breakthrough.

Playing big-hearted teen heroine Tracy will be newcomer Freya Sutton whilst the scene-stealing role of her mother Edna will be played by Waterloo Road actor Mark Benton. EastEnders Lucy Benjamin plays scheming TV executive Velma Von Tussle.



The X Factor's Marcus Collins as Seaweed Stubbs in the new touring production of hit musical Hairspray

TV cop 1970s heart-throb Paul Michael Glaser, who played David Starsky in 'Starsky and Hutch', is swapping the mean streets of 'Bay City' California for the stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre this autumn.

The 70-year-old American actor, who starred alongside David Soul as the streetwise cop famous for his woolly hat and chunky cardigans, is among star names recently announced for the Lichfield Street venue's 2013-14 season.

He will be trading in his famous red-and-white-stripe Ford Gran Torino for a milk cart to play Teyve the milkman in 'Fiddler On The Roof', about a Jewish family in Tsarist Russia.

Rich

Directed by Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood, it is at the Grand from October 15 to 19.

The character Teyve and song 'If I Were A Rich Man' were made famous in the 1971 movie by Chaim Topol. The then unknown Paul Michael Glaser was also in the film version.

Former 'Wet Wet Wet' singer Marti Pellow plays narrator Che Guevara in 'Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's' 'Evita' from August 19 to 31.



Paul Michael Glaser

Maureen Nolan is on an emotional rollercoaster as Mrs Johnstone when Scouse musical 'Blood Brothers' returns to the Grand from this Monday, April 29, to Saturday, May 4.

WBOS crazy over next big musical

WEST Bromwich Operatic Society stage all-singing all-dancing Gershwin musical 'Crazy For You' at Wolverhampton Grand nightly until Saturday, when there is also a matinee.

Mike Capri directs what promises to be a spectacular production to mark the 75th year of WBOS.

The amateur theatre company puts on two full-scale productions a year, the next being 'The Full Monty' at the Grand in September.

Tickets for 'Crazy For You' are available from the Grand on 01902 429212 or on 01384 377402.

Busy Thea has a town hall concert

PROLIFIC singer/songwriter Thea Gilmore is making a return to the Midlands next month on the back of her 14th album in as many years.

After taking some time out to have her second son, Thea is raring to get back on the circuit and will be playing the Town Hall, Birmingham, on May 5.

Her latest album 'Regardless' will be released the next day and single 'Love Came Looking for Me' is out on Monday. The show is at 8pm. Tickets are £16.50 or £18.50.

Tuning into first for opera director

PLÁCIDO Domingo takes his second major baritone role in the Royal Opera House production of 'Nabucco', shown live on screen at Wolverhampton's Light House on Monday.



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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 27.04.13

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CHOICE



Margaret Thatcher

Young Margaret: Life, Love & Letters BBC2, 9pm
The death of Margaret Thatcher earlier this month showed that even 23 years after she left Number 10, there are few other politicians who inspire such strong feelings in the British public. But how did she become such an influential and divisive figure, and were there any clues in her Grantham childhood that she would one day earn her place in the history books? This documentary tries to provide some answers by drawing on previously unseen correspondence and interviews with close members of the Thatcher family.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Triathlon. **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Pointless Celebrities. (R)
6.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Doctor Who. Clara is trapped in the malfunctioning Tardis and pursued by monsters, leaving the Doctor just 30 minutes to find his companion before his beloved blue box self-destructs.
7.15 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
8.05 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present the penultimate week of blind auditions, with Jessie J, Will.I.Am, Tom Jones and Danny O'Donoghue looking to complete their teams.
9.25 Casuality. A robbery at an off-licence ends in violence when the owner is stabbed – and it soon turns out he knows one of his attackers. A confused old man brings his dog in for treatment.
10.15 BBC News: Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Wigan Athletic v Tottenham Hotspur; National Lottery Update.
12.05 The Football League Show. **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.40 Film:** Station West. (1948) **8.10 Film:** Spellbound. (1945) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.00** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.30** Just a Minute. (R) **1.00** University Challenge. (R) **1.30** Talking Pictures. **2.05 Film:** Notorious. (1946) **3.45** Coast. (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **5.30** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R)
6.30 **Flag III** From Folkestone, Kent. (R)
7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad introduces coverage of the evening session on day eight at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where two second-round matches take place.
8.00 Dad's Army. Private Godfrey faces homelessness. (R)
8.30 **QI.** With Ross Noble, Dara O Briain, Jeremy Clarkson and Alan Davies. (R)
9.00 Young Margaret: Life, Love & Letters. Documentary examining the influences that shaped Margaret Thatcher's life and political career, featuring interviews with family members including her son Mark.
10.30 The United States of Television: America in Primetime. Alan Yentob examines the popularity of TV characters who are outsiders and misfits.
11.30 Blackpool: Big Night Out. The Lancashire seaside resort through the eyes of acts who have performed there. (R)
12.30 Snooker: The World Championship. **1.20** Snooker: World Championships Extra. **3.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jungle Junction. **6.10** Jungle Junction. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** The Animals. (R) **7.15** The Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** Saturday Farm. **8.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.20** ITV News. Weather. **12.35** Midsomer Murders. (R) **2.35** The Chase. (R) **3.35** Film: Uncle Buck. (1989) **5.30** Regional Programme : Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 New You've Been Framed! Favourites. Harry Hill narrates a selection of comical clips, featuring Annette Bening and Kim Jong-il lookalikes, below-the-belt mishaps, mischief and painful-looking accidents.
7.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the third audition show as more wannabe singers, dancers and variety acts try to impress judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon.
8.20 The Cube. A ballet dancer and a support worker try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks, hoping to win a jackpot of £250,000. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield.
9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Peter Andre and music by Rudimental.
10.20 **ITV News:** Weather.
10.35 **Film: Commando.** (1985) Action adventure, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.
12.20 River Monsters. (R) **12.50** Jackpot247. **3.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Kirstie's Homemade Home. **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** British Rallycross. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.05** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Frasier. (R) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.10** The Simpsons. (R) **12.40** Secret Millionaire Ireland. **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** **Come Dine with Me.** Corset-maker Serine Daou hosts the final night in Reading, Berkshire. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses. Homeowners in Muswell Hill, north London, look around one another's flats for improvement ideas and then spruce up their own on a £1,000 budget, hoping to attract buyers. Postponed from April 13.
8.00 Grand Designs. Restoring two timber-framed barns in Suffolk. (R)
9.00 Film: Season of the Witch. (2011) Premiere. Two knights agree to escort a suspected witch to trial, but are not prepared for the horrific powers she possesses. Fantasy adventure, with Nicolas Cage.
10.45 Derren Brown Investigates: The Man with X-Ray Eyes. A man who believes he can teach blind people to see. (R)
11.50 **Film: The Libertine.** (2004) Premiere. Period biopic, starring Johnny Depp.
1.55 Hollyoaks. (R) **4.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.55** Countdown. (R) **5.40** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **12.00** Royal Navy: Submarine Mission. (R) **1.00** Film: Up Periscope. (1959) **3.15** Film: Run Silent, Run Deep. (1958) **5.00** Film: The Caine Mutiny. (1954)
7.20 5 News Weekend.
7.25 NCIS. The bodies of two dishonourably discharged officers are found on board a boat belonging to Gibbs – and subsequent inquiries cast suspicion on his mentor Mike Franks. (R)
8.15 NCIS. The team delves into Vance's troubled past in an effort to trap a vengeful assassin who is determined to strike back at him by targeting his family. Drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)
9.15 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. The enterprising owner of a popular food van is murdered, and the team's investigation leads to a link between the victim and an influential political family.
10.15 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A killer appears to be targeting members of the gay community.
11.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The detectives investigate when two prostitutes are found murdered and the evidence leads them to a religious fanatic who thinks he is saving the women he kills.
12.10 SuperCasino. **3.55** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **9.00** Film: Blades of Glory (2007) **10.25** Russell Howard's Good News **10.55** Family Guy **11.40** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 South Pacific **8.00** The Golden Age of Steam Railways **9.00** Arne Dahl: Bad Blood – Part Two **10.30** The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold
ITV2
2.20 Film: Toy Story (1995) **4.10** Film: Toy Story 2 (1999) **6.00** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **7.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **8.20** Britain's Got More Talent **9.20** Totally You've Been Framed! **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Plobs **11.40** Britain's Got Talent
ITV3
3.50 A Touch of Frost **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** A Touch of Frost
ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Rajasthan Royals v Sunrisers Hyderabad and Mumbai Indians v Royal Challengers Bangalore. **8.00** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **9.30** Film: Public Enemies (2009)
E4
5.30 The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Youngers **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** Film: John Tucker Must Die (2006) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.45** The Cleveland Show **Film4**
2.55 Porridge (1979) **4.45** Never Been Kissed (1999) **6.50** Last Holiday (2006) **9.00** The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) **11.20** The Number 23 (2007)

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What's On!

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CHOICE



Sheridan Smith (Left)

The Olivier Awards 2013
11.00 12.15pm

Sheridan Smith and Downton Abbey's Hugh Bonneville co-host this year's Olivier Awards from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden where they celebrate outstanding achievements on the London stage. Hot favourite to land a gong is Helen Mirren. She re-teamed with acclaimed playwright Peter Morgan for her role as Queen Elizabeth II in the Audience. James McAvoy has been wowing the masses in Macbeth, and Will Young dazzled as the MC in Cabaret. Among those performing are the casts of Top Hat, A Chorus Line and The Bodyguard.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.25 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.20 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.20 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.20 Flog It! (R) 2.45 Points of View. 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Songs of Praise. 4.35 Great Bear Stakeout. (R) 5.35 The Diamond Queen. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison visits Sudeley Castle, Gloucestershire, and presents archive stories featuring the Bastle Houses of Northumberland and Northern Ireland's Mussenend Temple. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts are in Farnborough, north-east Hampshire, where items include the Monopoly game used by the Great Train Robbers while in hiding and a mammoth's tooth.

9.00 The Village. Joe struggles to hide his shell-shock from the family, but Grace knows something is seriously wrong – and when Bert tries to help he only makes matters worse.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Arsenal v Manchester United, Chelsea v Swansea City and Reading v Queens Park Rangers.

11.40 Regional Programme. 12.10 Film: Mother's Boys. (1994). Thriller, starring Jamie Lee Curtis. 1.40 Weatherview. 1.45 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.45 Film: Never a Dull Moment. (1950) 8.15 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.45 The A to Z of TV Gardening. 9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. 11.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 12.30 EastEnders. 2.20 Live Snooker: The World Championship.

6.00 Coast. The team explores stories linked to estuaries around the UK, with folk singer June Tabor examining superstitions surrounding the burial of sailors who died in shipwrecks. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad introduces coverage of the evening session on day nine at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where two second-round matches take place.

8.00 Bill Bailey's Jungle Hero. Part two of two. The comedian heads to Indonesian archipelago the Moluccas.

9.00 Rupert Murdoch: Battle with Britain. The media mogul's influence on the UK over the past 45 years.

10.00 Mock the Week Looks Back at Britain. Another themed selection from the show's archives.

10.30 It's Kevin. Bob the studio caretaker goes into hibernation. Last in the series.

11.00 Snooker: The World Championship. Highlights from day nine at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

11.50 Snooker: World Championships Extra. 1.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 2.45 Holby City. (R) 3.45 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. 6.10 Special Agent Oso. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Animals. (R) 7.15 Animals. (R) 7.30 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 8.00 Sony with a Chance. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Country House Sunday. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 10.20 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.35 Film: Columbus: A Friend in Deed. (1974) 1.35 You've Been Framed! (R) 2.05 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 3.20 Food for Thought. (R) 4.25 Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home. (1995)

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather. 6.45 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts a revival of the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.30 Off Their Rockers. Featuring a woman who tries to park her mobility scooter between two cars, and an elderly couple asking a mobile-phone salesman for help with a popular video game.

8.00 Endeavour. Morse becomes deeply embroiled in the affairs of a family-owned munitions factory and its dysfunctional owners following the murder of an unpopular worker.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.15 The Olivier Awards 2013. 11.45 The Unforgettable Mike Reid. (R)

12.40 The Store. 2.40 Motorsport UK. 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 Blancpain Endurance Series. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 1.20 The Simpsons. (R) 1.50 Film: The Phantom. (1996) Superhero adventure starring Billy Zane. 3.45 Deal or No Deal. 4.45 Five Minutes to a Fortune. 5.50 Film: Marmaduke. (2010) Premiere. Comedy, starring Lee Pace.

7.30 Channel 4 News. 8.00 The Secret Millions. Gok Wan works with a charity that offers emotional, educational and practical support to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, many of whom are homeless. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: Love & Other Drugs. (2010) Premiere. A cynical pharmaceutical sales rep for a drugs company falls in love with a waitress with Parkinson's disease. Romantic comedy drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway.

11.10 Film: Dangerous Minds. (1995) A former Marine retraining as a teacher but struggles to earn the respect of her class of low achievers at an inner-city school. Drama, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and George Dzundza.

1.00 How Hip Hop Changed the World. The defining moments in the history of the genre. (R) 2.50 Inside Nature's Giants. (R) 4.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 SuperScrimpers. 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 6.30 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45 Chloe's Closet. 6.55 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20 Animal Antics. (R) 7.25 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.35 City of Friends. (R) 7.50 Little Princess. (R) 8.00 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.15 Mio Mao. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Bert and Ernie's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.45 Jelly Jam. (R) 10.00 The Mr Men Show. (R) 10.15 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 10.20 Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) 10.55 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.20 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.20 Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) 2.45 Film: Cheaper by the Dozen 2. (2005) 4.35 Film: Zathura: A Space Adventure. (2005)

6.25 5 News Weekend. 6.30 Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) Romantic comedy, with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Belle is abducted by a man working for her father.

9.00 The Truth About Travellers. New series. Henry McKean explores the lives of travellers in modern Ireland. 10.00 Film: Harry Brown. (2009) Premiere. Crime thriller, starring Michael Caine.

12.10 Soho Blues. (R) 1.05 SuperCasino. 3.55 Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.45 County Secrets. (R) 4.55 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.15 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.35 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes 7.10 Snog, Marry, Avoid? 7.40 The Voice UK 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 9.45 Barely Legal Drivers 10.45 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 The Century That Wrote Itself 8.00 Christina: A Medieval Life 9.00 Neil Diamond: Solitary Man 10.00 Len Goodman's Dancing Feet: The British Ballroom Story 11.00 The Joy of Easy Listening

ITV2
3.35 You've Been Framed! 4.05 Keith Lemon: The Hot Desk 4.20 Britain's Got Talent 5.40 Britain's Got More Talent 6.40 Film: Twister (1996) 8.00 Film: Hot Fuzz (2007) 11.20 Celebrity Juice

ITV3
1.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.00 Film: Agatha Christie's Thirteen at Dinner (1985) 5.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Film: Parenthood (1989) 10.30 A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket 8.00 Film: From the Ashes (2011) Documentary about the 1981 Ashes series. 10.00 Film: LA Confidential (1997)

E4
3.40 How I Met Your Mother 4.40 Revenge 5.35 New Girl 6.00 The Mindy Project 6.30 Film: Failure to Launch (2006) 8.30 The Big Bang Theory 10.00 Derron Brown: Evening of Wonders 11.40 2 Broke Girls

Film4
2.50 Murder at the Gallop (1963) 4.30 The Hunt for Red October (1990) 7.10 Legend (1985) 8.00 Coming to America (1988) 11.20 Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

The Invasion, Channel 5, 10pm

A psychiatrist investigating a mysterious, mind-altering epidemic discovers the cause is an alien spore from outer space. As the human race turns into a horde of emotionless zombies, she and a fellow doctor race to save her son, who may hold the key to halting the invasion. Sci-fi thriller, starring Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig and Jeremy Northam. (2007)

TUESDAY

The Aviator, BBC1, 11.05pm

Martin Scorsese's Oscar-winning biopic focusing on the early years of movie producer Howard Hughes. A passion for flying dominated his life, as he embarked on increasingly ambitious aviation projects – earning powerful enemies. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Beckinsale, John C Reilly, Ian Holm, Alec Baldwin, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett. (2004)

WEDNESDAY

A Soldier's Love Story, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A sergeant in the US Army serving in Afghanistan becomes a father figure to a lonely boy who writes to him from California. When the soldier returns from his tour of duty, he visits the youngster and begins to develop a relationship with the lad's divorced mother. Romantic drama, with Lori Loughlin and Johnny Messner. (2010)



The Aviator, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.05pm

THURSDAY

On Deadly Ground, Channel 5, 10pm

A tough firefighter sets out to stop the destruction of native tribes and the natural environment by an unscrupulous oil company planning to drill in Alaska. Ecological thriller, directed by and starring Steven Seagal, with Michael Caine and Joan Chen. (1994)

FRIDAY

The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift, ITV, 10.35pm

An American teenager who is sent to live with his father in Tokyo after a brush with the law becomes involved in illegal street racing. But when he ends up owing money to gangsters after losing a race against a driver with Yakuza connections, he has to learn to master the Japanese style of driving to win and pay back his debts. Action adventure, starring Lucas Black. (2006)

Dark Water, BBC1, 11.50pm

Dahlia moves with her daughter into a run-down apartment during a messy divorce. As she struggles to cope with her custody battle, she is tormented by strange noises, an ominous leak in the ceiling and the growing fear that the flat has a sinister life of its own. When her daughter befriends an imaginary playmate, it confirms Dahlia's suspicions that something otherworldly is happening. Horror remake, with Jennifer Connelly. (2005)

Pick of the Week

Devastation awaits in a race against time

Actors have come and gone, and planets have been vanquished – and planets have been investigated, some in the blink of an eye.

But one constant in the world of Doctor Who is his trusty Tardis.

Its initials stand for time and relative dimensions in space, it was created by the Time Lords and was supposedly already out of date when the Doctor stole it so he could use it to explore the galaxy. Nevertheless, it still seems pretty cutting-edge to us.

As any self-respecting Whovian will be aware, these intergalactic craft can travel in time as well as space, and are supposed to have a working chameleon circuit that changes the ship's appearance so that it blends in with its surroundings wherever it materialises.

But the Doctor's machine has been stuck in the shape of a 1960s-style police box since the first adventure. An Unearthly Child, way back in 1963, when it was first seen standing in IM Foreman's junkyard on Totter's Lane in Shoreditch.

The decision to use a police box was originally down to economics – it was simply cheaper to use that prop rather than create something futuristic-looking. Anthony Coburn, while rewriting the sci-fi drama's opening episode, is credited with the idea, and deserves a massive pat on the back, not least from the BBC – the Tardis is now a registered trademark, and the corporation must have earned thousands of pounds from selling replicas over the years.

The Tardis is also bigger on the inside than it is on the outside, and contains many more areas than just the familiar console room.

We've had glimpses or heard hints of them before, but this week, we'll see a whole lot more when it's captured by a spaceship salvage team – with Clara trapped inside.

The Doctor persuades the motley bunch to help him find her, taking them on a journey into the heart of the Tardis none of them will ever forget.

"You will go to the heart of the Tardis, you'll see more of the Tardis more properly than you've ever seen before," promises Doctor Who showrunner Steven Moffat.

"Years ago when I was a kid, in the Radio Times there was a little article saying 'in this week's episode the many rooms of the Tardis are revealed.' I couldn't wait for Saturday. But there was a problem with the scenery and they shot it all in a disused hospital and it was so disappointing.

"I thought that some day I will do what I can to get into television and do it properly, and that worked out!"

A swimming pool was seen in that episode (The Invasion of Time, an adventure starring Tom Baker's fourth Doctor, and it was mentioned once more, along with a library, in Matt Smith's debut The Eleventh Hour). So will it turn up again?

"I'm not telling you anything except that there's way more than a swimming pool," smiles Moffat.

Crikey – we can hardly wait to see what's in store!



Matt Smith stars in Doctor Who, Saturday, BBC1, 6.30pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Dave Allen: God's Own Comedian BBC2, 9pm

Ex-Skegness Redcoat, newspaper dogsbody and ship show comedian Dave Allen drifted into showbusiness via a hit Australian series. The beloved Irishman spent more than three decades making people laugh with jokes on Catholicism, politics, sex and sin, before passing away in March 2005. Now there's a chance to refresh your memory of his greatness with this documentary featuring rare, often previously unseen, archive and interviews with family, friends and colleagues. Aside from Dave's son, daughter and widow, other interviewees include Maggie Smith, Stephen Frears and Steven Berkoff. There are also archive interviews with Bill Cotton.

Vicious

ITV, 9pm

No wonder ITV have been trailing this new sitcom for what feels like months – what channel wouldn't be proud of signing up Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi for the leading roles? They star as Freddie (McKellen) and Stuart (Jacobi), who have been together for 50 years – and have spent most of it bickering. The first episode finds them hosting a wake for a pal, but their fellow mourners probably shouldn't expect much in the way of comforting words – and the buffet is a bit on the stingy side as well. However, the arrival of new neighbour Ash (Iwan Rheon) might inject a little life into the proceedings, especially if their pal Violet (Frances de la Tour) has got anything to do with it.

TUESDAY

Big Body Squad Channel 5, 8pm

As this rather interesting documentary continues, all attention is on Jane. At almost 40 stone, she's terrified of the outdoors and relies on a three-strong specialist ambulance team to ensure she gets to her hospital appointments. But they can't do it alone – they rely on their supersized ambulance and kit, while Jane must summon all her strength to take those crucial steps out of the house. Meanwhile, cameras follow Lucille as she battles sleep apnoea, one of obesity's deadliest side effects. Plus, the show looks into the fact that a third of children are now classed as obese and wearing school uniforms in adult sizes.

WEDNESDAY NCIS

Channel 5, 9pm

It's time for Gibbs, Ducky and the rest of the team to celebrate – this week sees the broadcast of the long-running crime drama's 200th episode. The plot is suitably gripping and unforgettable too, with the team investigating the murder of a petty officer who may have been selling secrets to a foreign power. But it's what happens to Gibbs that proves to be the most intriguing development. After being shot at by a mysterious gunman, he has a series of visions of what might have been

if he and the team had taken different decisions. But why is all this happening, and is Gibbs really okay?

THURSDAY

Watson & Oliver BBC2, 10pm

Lorna Watson and Ingrid Oliver claim that seeing the first series of their sketch show on TV was like "waiting for exam results." They're also keen to point out that they don't mind that not everybody felt that all the gags worked, because this time, they feel they've

learned from their mistakes. And, if last week's edition is anything to go by, the second run is far better than the first with a lot more laughs per episode. The duo's parodies of TV shows are particularly good, with Made in Chelsea, Call the Midwife and The Killing all being gently mocked in a loving, homage-like way. Expect more of the same in this episode, along with a host of new characters and situations.

FRIDAY

The Ice Cream Girls ITV, 9pm

It's the final episode



The Ice Cream Girls, Friday, ITV, 9pm

of the drama, and the moment we've all been waiting for is here at last – Poppy and Serena are about to come face-to-face for the first time in 17 years. It's not exactly a happy meeting either – in fact, quite the opposite. Poppy is arrested for approaching her former friend and ends up back in jail as a result. Meanwhile, Serena's identity as the second Ice Cream girl is exposed. Evan is horrified and leaves with daughter Vee. Serena, believing she has nothing left to lose, decides to re-investigate the case of her teacher's death. But to do so, she must discuss the matter with Poppy – an event that causes several revelations to come to light...

The Genius of Marie Curie - The Woman Who Lit Up the World BBC2, 9pm

Marie Curie was quite a woman; not that you need us or this one-off docu-drama to spell that out for you. While 'genius' is a word thrown around all too easily these days, the Polish physicist and chemist is certainly deserving of that great compliment. Born in 1867, she became a celebrity during her lifetime, thanks to her pioneering research on radioactivity, and went on to become the first woman to win a Nobel Prize. Curie deciphered the theory of radioactivity, and discovered two elements, polonium and radium, but who was the woman behind the science? Geraldine James and David Maloney star in this tale about her life.

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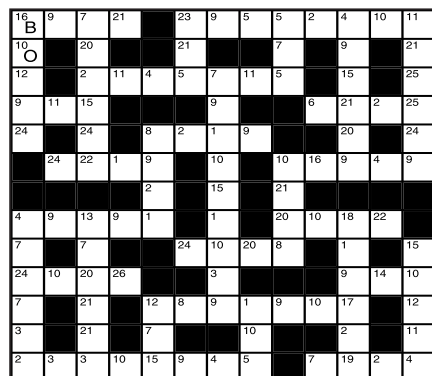
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	A	N	I	R	D	L	B	G	O	C	J	Y	W
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

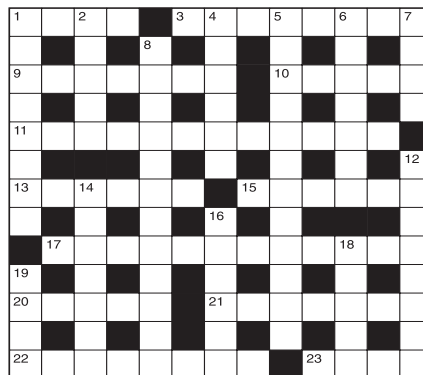
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Game unsuitable for women (4)
- Caution a girl (8)
- Essentially he tucked into a pastry dish (2,5)
- After a drink half the band provide dance music (5)
- Isn't it particular what it sells? (7,5)
- After the road is renovated it is showing skill (6)
- It goes round, applying pressure where needed (6)
- What one has to be in to engage in the class war? (8,4)
- Pieces of land in the Far East (5)
- Rings about train disaster in Canada (7)
- Sacked, no doubt! (2,3,3)
- Is the French description of Malta, perhaps (4)

Down

- Impress a sailor without his knowing! (8)
- Like a layer of wood (5)
- This snake is poisonous, yet a baby may play with it! (6)
- Hardly bright ideas! (4,8)
- Possibly one rule man has had to change (7)
- Times some of the rasher drivers (4)
- It's said to be a way to ensure a good stretch of repentance (5,2,5)
- It's used extensively by bandsmen (8)
- Wear and tear about an object (7)
- Sensitive plant (6)
- Monsters that help to make progress (5)
- It can give one airs, after a fashion (4)



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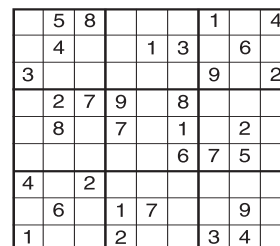
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- Quote (4)
- Crusade (8)
- Harmful (7)
- Morning reception (5)
- Ingrained habit (6,6)
- Foreign (6)
- Anew (6)
- Irrational belief (12)
- Distort (5)
- Raise (7)
- Maim (8)
- Exceedingly (4)

Down

- Box (8)
- Poisonous (5)
- Agree (6)
- Lowest RAF commission (5-7)
- Upside down (7)
- Requirement (4)
- Agreeing by chance (12)
- Stormy (8)
- Eye-specialist (7)
- Declare (6)
- Angry (5)
- Separate particular (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

5	4	6	3	1	8	9	2	7
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Enraged; 7 Get on; 9 Blunt; 10 Ribands; 12 Rear windows; 14 Staff nurses; 18 Toddler; 19 Lyric; 21 Sheep; 22 Stretch. Down: 1 Ingle; 2 Pawnee; 3 Net; 4 Relaid; 5 Low-down; 8 Elysee; 11 Printer; 13 Atrophy; 15 Fidget; 16 Elysee; 17 Pinch; 20 Sty. QUICK - Across: 6 Appointment; 7 Minor; 9 Later; 10 Cushion; 12 Wooden spoon; 14 Part company; 18 Cavalry; 19 Amass; 21 Acted; 22 Ordered. Down: 1 Speak; 2 Bolero; 3 End; 4 Bishop; 5 Solomon; 8 Tumps; 11 Adjoin; 13 Balance; 15 Travel; 16 Number; 17 Askew; 20 Art.

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Home of Property

Spacious home is nicely presented throughout

HAVING been extended and improved, this executive detached house in Jones Lane in Walsall is on the market with C residential for offers around £405,000.

Viewing comes highly recommended by the agent in order to appreciate the mature gardens, large frontage and spacious home with conservatory and four bedrooms located in Slitting Mill.

An enclosed porch leads to reception hall with staircase leading to first floor and lounge, 15ft 11in x 12ft 6in, which includes a radiator, bay window, feature fire surround with coal-effect fire.

The dining room, 12ft 4in x 10ft 3in (3.76m x 3.12m) has a radiator, wood flooring and open access to conservatory with French doors, 9ft 9in x 6ft 11in, which is used as a sitting room.

Fitted with bespoke kitchen units and granite worktops the dining kitchen, 15ft 6in x 12ft 3in, includes inset granite sink unit and drainer, splash back areas, integrated dishwasher, range cooker with hotplate, five-ring burners and twin ovens. There are also two ceiling light points, radiator, tiled floor, double glazed window overlooking rear garden with door leading to rear patio and utility area.

Comprising a low-level WC, wash basin, shower and ladder-style radiator is the downstairs wet room and there is also a games room, 9ft 9in x 9ft 3in which is currently used as a gym. The split-level landing has a large linen cupboard and provides access to four bedrooms and family bathroom.



The property at number 4 Jones Lane, Slitting Mill, Walsall is priced around £405,000

board and provides access to four bedrooms and family bathroom.

Fitted with an extensive range of bedroom furniture is the master bedroom, 14ft 5in x 9ft 11in, with ample hanging and storage space, matching drawers with dressing table and a step up to an en suite. Here there is a high-level WC, wash basin and free-standing bath.

Bedroom two, 12ft x 10ft 7in, includes fitted wardrobes while all four bedrooms include double-glazed window and radiator.

The family bathroom includes bath with

shower screen and overhead shower unit, fitted vanity unit with inset wash basin and WC, concealed spotlights, extractor fan, ladder-style radiator and laminate flooring.

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A roll-top bath is a feature of the en suite of its master bedroom

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Lot 4 9 Chiswell Road, Winslow Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 5 49 Claypit Lane, West Bromwich	Residential Vacant
Lot 6 Land Forming Site of 1A/1B Duke Street, West Bromwich	Land
Lot 7 Land off Nicholls Road, Tipton	Land
Lot 8 Land off Nicholls Road, Opposite Princes End Industrial Park, Tipton	Land
Lot 9 257 Glastonbury Crescent, Mossley, Bloxwich	Residential Vacant
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Lot 35 61 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove	Residential Vacant
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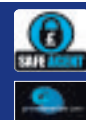
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● Storage Room●Bathroom
● Gardens●Off Road Parking

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**Bloxwich
Harrison Street**
● Victorian Three Bed End-Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms●Bathroom
● Fitted Kitchen●Utility●Cellar
● Guest W.C.
● Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in excess of £130,000



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● Front and Rear Gardens●Ample Off Road Parking

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● Fitted Kitchen
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● Separate W.C.●Integral

£112,500



**Willenhall
Squires Grove**
● Two Bedroom Coach House Apartment
● Large Lounge/Dining Room
● Fitted Kitchen with Breakfast Bar
● Converted Garage●Allocated Parking
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £110,500



**Bloxwich
Mulberry Place**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Two Reception Rooms●Kitchen
● Family Bathroom●Front & Rear Gardens
● Gas Heating & Double Glazing (Where Specified)

In the Region of £109,950



**Bloxwich
Harden Road**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Lounge●Kitchen/Diner●Guest W.C.
● Newly Fitted Bathroom with
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating
● Front & Rear Gardens●NO UPWARD

In the Region of £104,950



**Rushall
Stanier Close**
● Ideal for First Time Buyer
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Fitted Kitchen●Lounge/Diner
● Bathroom●D.Glazing & Electric Heating
● Gardens●Allocated Parking Spaces

£99,950



**Walsall
Wolverhampton Road**
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms●Lean To
● Kitchen●Ground Floor Bathroom
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
● Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £97,500



**Bloxwich
Margam Crescent**
● Three Bedroom Terrace
● Lounge●Kitchen/Diner with Patio Doors
● Family Bathroom shower over bath
● Front & Rear Gardens●Central Heating
● Double Glazing including Patio Doors

In the Region of £95,000



**Bloxwich
Harrison Street**
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Fitted Kitchen●Ground Floor Bathroom
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
● Cellar●Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in excess of £90,000



**Walsall
Hadley Way**
● Three Bedroom End-Terrace
● Large Dining Room●Lounge
● Fitted Kitchen●Utility Room/Study
● Family Bathroom●Gardens
● Detached Garage to the Rear

Offers in excess of £90,000



**Bloxwich
Mossley Lane**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Two Reception Rooms●Kitchen
● Rear Porch●Bathroom
● Separate W.C.●Off Road Parking
● Large Corner plot with Garage

In the Region of £89,950



**Willenhall
Taverners Close**
● One Bedroom House
● Fitted Kitchen●Lounge
● Dining/Sun Room●Double Bedroom
● Bathroom with Shower●Enclosed Rear Garden

In the Region of £87,950



**Bloxwich
Bagnall Street**
● Three Bedroom Terrace
● Lounge●Kitchen●Guest W.C.
● Bathroom●Conservatory
● Rear Garden
● Block Paved Driveway

In the Region of £85,000



**Bloxwich
Pershore Road**
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Lounge●Dining Room
● Kitchen●Family Bathroom
● Double Glazed●Central Heating
● Rear Garden●Off Road Parking

In the Region of £84,950



**Walsall
Cairns Street**
● Two Bed Refurbished Property
● Through Lounge
● Fitted Kitchen
● Bathroom
● Rear Garden

£80,000



**Bloxwich
Booth Street**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Lounge●Kitchen
● Cloakroom W.C.●Shower Room
● Front & Rear Gardens
● Off Road Parking

offers in excess of £80,000



**Walsall
Dartmouth Close**
● Two Bedroom End-Terrace
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Downstairs W.C./Utility●D.Glazing
● Side Veranda/Sun Room
● Gas Central Heating●No Upward Chain

Offers in excess of £80,000



**Bloxwich
Green Lane**
● Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
● Lounge with Storage/Cloak Cupboard
● Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom
● Shared Communal Gardens
● Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £60,000

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FEATURED PROPERTY



**COPPICE FARM
NIGHTINGALE CRESCENT**

- Superb Much Improved & Well Presented Executive Detached Residence
- Hall • Lounge & Dining Room • Re-Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- 4 Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathroom • Re-Fitted En-Suite To Master
- Garage & Driveway • Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing

£220,000

MANAGER'S CHOICE



**ESSINGTON
LARCHMERE DRIVE**

- Modern Style Detached Family Residence • Popular Location
- Lounge • Dining Room • Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas CH • Double Glazing • Garage • Driveway
- Rear Gardens • Energy Rating 'D'

£226,950

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



**ESSINGTON
UPPER SNEYD ROAD**

- Much Improved Modern Style Detached Property • No Chain
- Lounge • Superb Spacious Dining Kitchen • Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas C/Heating • Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden • Energy Rating 'D'

£185,000

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**WILLENHALL
POPLAR AVENUE**

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Lounge & Dining Room • Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Driveway • Front & Rear Gardens

£145,000



**NEW INVENTION
GLAMIS ROAD**

- Modern Style Link Detached Property • No Chain
- Requires Modernization • Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Driveway & Garage • Front & Rear Gardens

£142,000



**NEW INVENTION
RUGLEY AVENUE**

- Wall Presented Mid Town House • Popular Location
- Spacious Lounge with Dining Area • Energy Rating 'E'
- Re-Fitted Kitchen • Lobby/Utility/WC
- Two Excellent Double Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens • Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating

£95,000



**WILLENHALL
RUSSEL STREET**

- Superb 'Showhome' Style Second Floor Apartment • Central Location
- Lounge with Dining Area • Fitted Kitchen • Energy Rating TBC
- Two Excellent Bedrooms • Luxury Bathroom
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces • No Chain
- Gas CH • Double Glazing • Loft Storage Space

£92,000



**BENTLEY
WESTERN AVENUE**

- Well Presented Improved End Town House • NO CHAIN
- Three Good Size Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Spacious Lounge • Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen • Utility/WC
- Double Glazing • Rear Gardens

£90,000



**WILLENHALL
HALEY STREET**

- Traditional Style 3 Bedrooms end terrace • Energy 'D'
- Lounge • Refitted dining kitchen • Ground flr Shower Rm
- En-suite wc • Part d/glaz • Part Gas CH • Drive • Gardens

£85,000



**WILLENHALL
YALE ROAD**

- Superb Modern detached residence
- Four bedrooms
- New reception • Breakfast kitchen • Gas CH • Double glazing
- 2 en-suites • Bathroom • Garden • Garage • Energy 'D'

£250,000



**COPPICE FARM
NEVIS GROVE**

- Impressive Detached Property • Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory • Spacious breakfast kitchen • Guests WC
- Four Bedrooms • En-Suite • Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway • Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating • Energy Rating 'E'

£205,000



**SUMMER HAYES
COLLIERS CLOSE**

- Impressive extended much improved detached bungalow
- Lounge and dining room • Superb orangerie/sitting room
- Refitted kitchen • Four bedrooms • Garage & driveway
- Pleasant rear garden • Gas central heating & double glazing
- Family bathroom • Luxury en-suite shower room • Energy Rating 'D'

Offers over £199,950



**SHORT HEATH
POOLES LANE**

- Much improved three bedroom detached bungalow
- Lounge • Superb breakfast kitchen • Utility
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Spacious bathroom • Garage & driveway
- Established rear gardens • Energy Rating 'E'

£195,000



**WILLENHALL
HIGH ROAD**

- Spacious Four Bed Detached
- Lounge & dining room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen • En-suite
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows • Driveway • Energy 'C'

Offers Over £170,000



**WILLENHALL
BILSTON ROAD**

- Pleasantly appointed detached property
- Gas c/heating, d/glazing • Lounge • Dining room
- Refitted kitchen • 4 bedrooms
- Potential to extend to rear (subject to planning)
- Off road parking • Energy Rating 'E'

WAS £175,000 NOW £169,950



**WILLENHALL
OVERDALE DRIVE**

- Spacious detached bungalow • Popular location
- Large through lounge/dining room • Kitchen
- Two bedrooms • Bathroom
- Front & rear gardens • Garage, drive & carport
- No chain • Energy rating 'D'

£155,000



**WILLENHALL
HILLCREST GARDENS**

- Much Improved Semi Detached • Three bedrooms
- Lounge & dining room • Extended refitted kitchen
- Luxury shower room • Double glazing • Gas CH
- Garage & carport
- Rear garden • Energy 'E'

£140,000



**PORTOBELLO
BURFORD CLOSE (Off Millchipp Road)**

- Newly Built Detached Bungalow • Brand New Development
- Lounge • Breakfast Kitchen
- Two / Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking • Gardens • Energy Rating TBC

£129,995



**WILLENHALL
ALBION STREET**

- Superb and terrace
- Spacious lounge • Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing • Gas central heating
- Garage, driveway • Viewing recommended • Energy 'C'

£129,950 NO CHAIN



**HADLEY HEATH
HAWKSWELL DRIVE**

- Extended Modern Semi Detached • Gardens • Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Viewing Advised to appreciate Versatile Accommodation on Offer
- Ground floor Bedroom / Dining Room • Wet Room / Utility
- Two Further Bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy Rating 'D'
- Gas Central Heating • Part Double Glazing • Driveway

£124,995



**BENTLEY
WREXHAM AVENUE**

- Extended Traditional Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Lounge & Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens • Rear Garage • Driveway

£107,000

SNEYD PARK

- Modern Style 3 Bedrooms Semi Detached • Energy 'D'
- Two Receptions • Fitted Kitchen • Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas CH • Double Glazing • Gardens • Garage & Drive

£139,950

HADLEY HEATH

- Extended Semi Detached • Lounge and dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms • Double Glazing • Upstairs bathroom
- Garage and off road parking • Energy Rating 'E'

£125,000 OFFERS

BENTLEY, WALSALL

- Extended semi detached • 3 Bedrooms • Energy 'D'
- Gas CH • Sun room • Double Glaz • Spacious lounge
- Breakfast kitchen/utility • Shower room • Rear garden

£110,000 OFFERS

NEW INVENTION

- Pleasant three bedroom semi detached • Energy 'D'
- Gas CH • Majority double glazing • Rear garden
- Lounge/dining room • Refitted kitchen • Store room

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £125,000

WILLENHALL

- Coach House apartment • Lounge, Dining Area Energy C
- Fitted Kitchen • Two excellent size bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas CH • D Glaz • Gym/office/converted garage • Parking

£110,500 NO CHAIN

WILLENHALL

- Three bedroom mid terraced property • Energy 'D'
- D/Glazing • Gas c/heating • Two receptions
- Fitted kitchen • Ground flr Bathroom • Pleasant garden

Was £94,950, NOW £85,000 NO CHAIN

BENTLEY

- Extended semi detached property • Four Bedrooms
- Lounge • Downstairs wc • Part Double Glazing, Kitchen
- Rear Garden • Gas central heating • Energy Rating 'D'

£125,000

WILLENHALL

- Extended three bedroom property • Two Receptions
- Fitted Kitchen • Two excellent size bedrooms • Bathroom & driveway
- Gas CH • Double glazing • Energy Rating 'E'

NOW £105,000

WILLENHALL

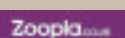
- Well presented ground floor apartment • Lounge
- Fitted kitchen • Double bedroom • Bathroom • Energy 'C'
- Double glazing • Gas CH • Parking space • No chain

£70,000

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WALSALL
DARTMOUTH AVENUE

- WELL MAINTAINED EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED HOUSE
- CORNER PLOT LOCATION
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS

£159,500 OFFERS

FEATURED PROPERTY



DUDLEY FIELDS
MULBERRY ROAD

- MODERN STYLE TOWN HOUSE • DG & CH
- TWO BEDROOMS • FITTED KITCHEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING • IDEAL FIRST PURCHASE
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL • EPC RATING C

£99,950

FEATURED PROPERTY



BLOXWICH
HEATHER ROAD

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- CUL DE SAC LOCATION • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- 21FT DINING KITCHEN • UTILITY ROOM
- GARAGE • EPC RATING - E

£85,000 "OFFERS OVER"

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BLOXWICH
MARLBOROUGH STREET

- SPACIOUS VICTORIAN STYLE TERRACE
- TWO BEDROOMS • DOUBLE GLAZING
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- REAR GARDEN
- EPC RATING E

OPEN VIEWING
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£80,000 "OFFERS OVER"



WALSALL
VICTORIA AVENUE

- PLEASANT SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- EPC RATING D

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£89,950



LINDRICK CLOSE
BLOXWICH

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED MODERN THREE BED DETACHED
- POPULAR TURNBERRY ROAD DEVELOPMENT
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE & BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

OPEN VIEWING
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£194,950 OFFERS



SHORT HEATH
POOLES LANE

- TRADITIONAL STYLE DETACHED BUNGALOW
- THREE BEDROOMS
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- GARAGE AND PARKING

OPEN VIEWING
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£195,000 OFFERS



BLOXWICH - TURNBERRY ESTATE
WETHERBY ROAD

- DELIGHTFULLY LOCATED MODERN DETACHED HOUSE
- FOUR BEDROOMS • TWO/THREE RECEPTIONS
- EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM • DG/GCH
- OPEN FRONT ASPECT • EPC RATING D

OPEN VIEWING
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£184,950 "OFFERS"



WILLENHALL
HEATH ROAD, OFF SNEYD LANE

- SPACIOUS THREE BED DETACHED
- GAS C/ HEATING & D/ GLAZING
- 20 FT FRONT LOUNGE
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- GARAGE AND AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING

OPEN VIEWING
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£174,500 "OFFERS"



BLOXWICH
BROAD LANE

- SUPERBLY PRESENTED TOWN HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS • BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- RE-FITTED BATHROOM
- BLOCK PAVED FOREGARDEN • EPC RATING D

OPEN VIEWING
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£122,500 "OFFERS"



BLOXWICH
SNEYD LANE

- TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION
- THREE BEDROOMS AND EN-SUITE CLOAKROOM
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- 13FT BATHROOM WITH VICTORIAN STYLE BATH
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS

OPEN VIEWING
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£117,000 OFFERS



BLOXWICH
CHANTRY AVENUE

- THREE BEDROOM TOWN HOUSE
- LOUNGE • KITCHEN • CONSERVATORY
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM • GCH
- NO UPWARD CHAIN • EPC RATING D

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£89,950

BLOXWICH
• FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
• CLOSE TO KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS
• RE-FITTED KITCHEN WITH BUILT IN APPLIANCES
£249,995 OFFERS

BLOXWICH
• PLEASANT SEMI DETACHED • NEAR TO BLOXWICH TOWN
• THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE & FITTED KITCHEN
• LARGE CONSERVATORY • EPC RATING C
£114,950 OFFERS

WALSALL - BLAKENALL
• TRADITIONAL TOWN HOUSE • THREE BEDROOMS
• LOUNGE & DINING ROOM • RE-FITTED KITCHEN
• FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM • OFF ROAD PARKING
£89,950

BLOXWICH - TURNBERRY ESTATE
• FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
• TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • DG & GCH
• FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN • GARAGE & PARKING
£225,000

BLOXWICH
• VICTORIAN STYLE SEMI • CLOSE TO BLOXWICH TOWN
• DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMS
• FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • EPC
£99,500 OFFERS

WALSALL
• PLEASANTLY APPOINTED SEMI
• IDEAL FIRST PURCHASE • 14FT LOUNGE
• REFITTED B/FAST KITCHEN • 1ST FLOOR BATHROOM
£89,950

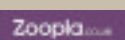
BLOXWICH - TURNBERRY ESTATE
• FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
• POPULAR TURNBERRY ROAD DEVELOPMENT
• EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
£225,000 OFFERS

WALSALL - LEAMORE
• PLEASANT TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
• THREE BEDROOMS
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING
£87,950 OFFERS

WALSALL - LEAMORE
• SPACIOUS END TERRACED PROPERTY
• THREE BEDROOMS
• TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
£90,000

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BLOXWICH - TURNBERRY ESTATE
BURSLEM CLOSE

- FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • DG & GCH
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN • GARAGE & PARKING
- GARDENS TO FRONT AND REAR • EPC - D

£225,000

FEATURED PROPERTY



WALSALL
WELL LANE

- WELL PRESENTED SEMI DETACHED
- TWO BEDROOMS
- MAJ D/GLAZING & C/HEATING
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING

£89,950

FEATURED PROPERTY



BLOXWICH
HAMILTON STREET

- CORNER PLOT SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZING
- GARAGE AND AMPLE PARKING

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WALSALL - LEAMORE
BEATRICE STREET

- SPACIOUS END TERRACED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- BATHROOM AND SHOWER ROOM
- D/GLAZING & C/HEATING

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£90,000



LARKSPUR WAY
CLAYHANGER

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • G/HEATING & D/GLAZING
- GARAGE AND OFF ROAD PARKING
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

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£215,000 OFFERS



WALSALL
NEW FOREST ROAD

- EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- 14 FT BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GARAGE • EPC RATING C

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£142,500 OFFERS



BLOXWICH
FARMDALE GROVE

- FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED • DOUBLE GLAZED
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE SHOWER
- D/S CLOAKS • LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- GARAGE & OFF ROAD PARKING
- FITTED KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES • GARDENS

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£179,950



WALSALL
VALLEY ROAD

- SUPERBLY PRESENTED TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI
- CORNER PLOT POSITION
- EXTENDED TO THE REAR AT GROUND FLOOR
- THREE BEDROOMS
- STUNNING WILL EQUIPPED DINING/KITCHEN
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING TO THE SIDE
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE • EPC RATING D

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£95,000 "OFFERS OVER"



WALSALL
HARDEN ROAD

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED SEMI
- IDEAL FIRST PURCHASE • 14FT LOUNGE
- REFITTED B/FAST KITCHEN • 1ST FLOOR BATHROOM
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN • EPC RATING

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£89,950



BLOXWICH
SNEYD LANE

- TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION
- THREE BEDROOMS AND EN-SUITE CLOAKROOM
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- 13FT BATHROOM WITH VICTORIAN STYLE BATH
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- OFF ROAD PARKING

OPEN VIEWING
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£117,000 OFFERS



BLOXWICH
STONEY LANE

- TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
- THREE BEDROOMS • EXTENDED
- MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- OFF ROAD PARKING • EPC RATING E

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£172,500



BLOXWICH
MILLFIELD AVENUE

- PLEASANT END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- MAJORITY UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY

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£ 89,950

WILLENHALL

- SPACIOUS THREE BED DETACHED
- GAS C/ HEATING & D/ GLAZING
- 20 FT FRONT LOUNGE • FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- GARAGE AND AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING

£174,500 "OFFERS"

BLOXWICH

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- CUL DE SAC LOCATION • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- 21 FT DINING KITCHEN • UTILITY ROOM
- GARAGE • EPC RATING • E

£85,000 "OFFERS OVER"

WEDNESFIELD

- BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED END TOWN HOUSE ON CORNER PLOT
- POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (STPP) • THREE BEDROOMS
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING & GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY • DINING KITCHEN
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING • IDEAL FAMILY HOME

Offers in the region of £122,500

WALSALL

- WELL MAINTAINED EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED HOUSE
- CORNER PLOT LOCATION • FOUR BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING • UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- CONSERVATORY • FITTED KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND HOB
- UTILITY ROOM AND DOWNSTAIRS WC

£159,950 OFFERS

BLOXWICH

- FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- CLOSE TO KING GEORGE • PLAYING FIELDS
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN WITH BUILT IN APPLIANCES
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM
- UTILITY & GUEST CLOAKS • EPC RATING • C

£249,995 OFFERS

BLOXWICH

- VICTORIAN STYLE SEMI • CLOSE TO BLOXWICH TOWN
- DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMS
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS • EPC RATING E

£99,500 OFFERS

BLOXWICH

- PLEASANT SEMI DETACHED • NEAR TO BLOXWICH TOWN
- THREE BEDROOMS • LOUNGE & FITTED KITCHEN
- LARGE CONSERVATORY • EPC RATING C

£114,950 OFFERS

BLOXWICH - TURNBERRY ESTATE

- FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
- POPULAR TURNBERRY ROAD DEVELOPMENT
- EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- EPC RATING • C

£225,000 OFFERS

WALSALL

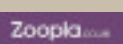
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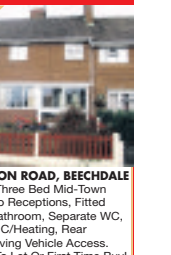
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The 2 is just one of several Mazdas available on special deals including 0 per cent finance and no deposit

Tempting new finance deals across whole Mazda range

NEW finance offers across the Mazda range could see buyers securing a new car with no deposit from £169 per month.

Customers buying a new Mazda 2, 3, 5 or MX-5 can take advantage of a PCP finance agreement at 0 per cent interest over 42 months, and no customer

deposit is necessary – although one can be applied if desired.

The same models also qualify for a deposit contribution from Mazda. The 2 attracts a £200 benefit, with the 3 automatically receiving £1,000 towards its cost, the MX-5 £2,131 and the Mazda 5 £2,500.

It means that as well as the 2 being available from £169 per month, the 3 hatchback costs from £249 per month,

the MX-5 from £255 and the 5 people carrier from £295, when buying through the special PCP deal.

The new Mazda 6 saloon and CX-5 compact SUV are also on offer, with 5.9 per cent interest finance available with no deposit required on a 42-month PCP agreement.

Regular hire-purchase agreements can be stretched over 60 months if needed.

Cheaper to run promise for the Lexus IS hybrid



Best in class running costs are promised for the Lexus IS 300h hybrid executive saloon

LEXUS is claiming that the new IS 300h hybrid executive saloon will be cheaper to own than any of its less powerful and less refined 2.0-litre diesel rivals.

Tax advantages associated with electrified powertrains, sub-100g/km carbon dioxide emissions and strong residual values are said to make the IS a wiser choice for business users.

Official test results score the IS 300h at 99g/km for CO2 linked to 65.7mpg on the combined cycle.

Residuals are predicted at 37 per cent by industry expert CAP The drive-

train, meanwhile, is not just smoother and quieter than even an advanced diesel, it creates more initial braking force through its energy-recuperation systems, reducing the need for active braking and saving on brake pad and disc wear.

Balanced

Lexus hybrids run with around 20 per cent more tyre pressure, too, which is normal for the specific models and helps reduce tyre wear.

This is a factor further reduced by the balanced weight distribution that spreads load across all tyres rather than mostly over the fronts.

The car will also be cheaper to

service and maintain, Lexus says, claiming almost £450 in savings over three years when compared to 2.0-litre diesel automatic cars from Audi, BMW and Mercedes.

A spokesman for Lexus says: "Low benefit-in-kind company car tax rates mean a 40 per cent taxpayer is likely to pay as much as £923 a year less than the driver of a new Audi A4 2.0 TDI SE Multitronic over the first three years of ownership.

"Likewise, a business adding the hybrid Lexus to its fleet will appreciate the lower vehicle excise duty, fuel, insurance and service, maintenance and repair costs."



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It's van-tastic time for deals

VOLKSWAGEN'S award-winning vans are still some of the most affordable to run thanks to its latest spring finance and servicing offers, some of which are cheaper than last year!

They include new vans still available from £199 a month (plus VAT and initial rental), deposit contributions of up to £2,000, and free servicing for Crafter models.

Used van buyers also benefit from a low-cost service plan offer of two services for £49 or four for £199 when financing their purchase with Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles.

With business owners and fleet managers keener than ever to manage vehicle costs, it will come as good news that Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles has been able to keep these finance offers so low and competitive.

For example, the contract hire and finance lease rate for a Caddy of £199 a month continues from last year, including a deposit contribution of £1,000 available, while the higher specifications of the new Caddy Trendline and Highline models are now available for a modest upgrade to £215 and £229 a month (plus VAT and initial rental), respectively.

Even the best-selling Transporter van is still available at the same contract hire and finance lease rates from £239 a month (plus VAT and initial rental) with a £500 deposit contribution, while rates for the new Trendline and Highline specification models are £259 and £269 (plus VAT and initial rental), respectively.

The Crafter, Volkswagen's biggest van, also offers great value, with contract hire and finance lease rates available for £10 less than last year at £299 a month (plus VAT and initial rental), a £1,000 deposit contribution and now four free services.

Contribution

Alternatively, if financed with lease purchase or hire purchase, a £2,000 deposit contribution is available.

For the first time, there are finance offers for the Crafter-based tipper and dropside models from the Volkswagen 'Engineered to Go' range. These start from £299 a month, and also include four free services.

Aside from vans, two other models have lower contract hire and finance lease rates than last year, such as the Volkswagen Caravelle people carrier which now starts from £449 a month (plus VAT and initial rental) with a deposit contribution that has increased to £1,500 (from £500).

The Amarok pick-up starts from £259 a month with a PCP Volkswagen Solutions finance, or with contract hire and finance lease rates now £10 a month lower from £279 a month (plus VAT and initial rental), with the 180 PS Trendline or Highline from £299 and £349 a month (plus VAT and initial rental), respectively.

Full details of the finance offers and the Caddy, Transporter and Crafter ranges are available at www.volkswagen-vehicles.co.uk or by calling 0800 717131.

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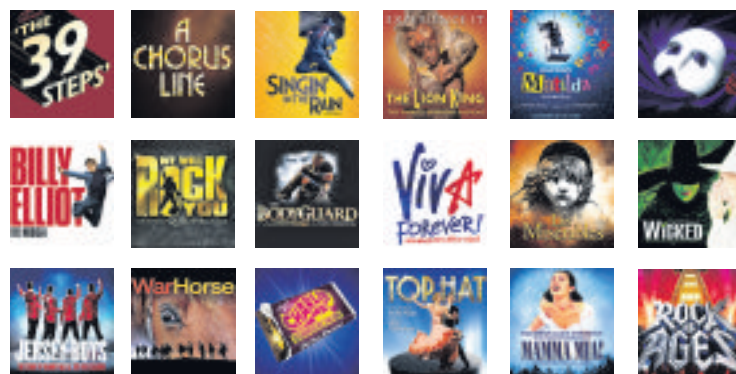
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Extra bite as Mad Dog joins fight bill

PROFESSIONAL wrestling is heading back to Darlaston – with Walsall fighter Matt Powell on the bill.

The 28-year-old, who grapples under the name of Mad Dog Maxx, will enter the ring at Darlaston All Active Club, in Willenhall, on Saturday, April 27. “Wrestling is really on the up,” he said. “I wrestle all over the UK and crowds are great, but in the Black Country they are just that little bit louder, that little bit more enthusiastic. It really is fast becoming the hotbed of pro wrestling.”

Also on the bill is ‘Psycho’ Shane Stevens, whose career goes back all the way to ITV’s World of Sport and the 80s wrestling boom.

Stevens fought in high-profile TV matches tagging with the legendary Kendo Nagasaki and also had bouts against the British wrestling icon Big Daddy.

The main event features American Cameron Matthews.

Doors open at 7pm with the show starting half an hour later. For tickets, call 07938 000598.

England’s mini-trials in borough

WALSALL is to stage a football trials day for England’s six-a-side squad.

The United Kingdom Minifootball Association (UKMA) will hold the event at Sheffield Astroturf. Sunday’s trials, from noon, will help selectors choose the squad to represent England in miniEURO 2013 in October on Crete.

Around 50 players will be present, including members of the England squad that competed in the first ever miniEURO tournament, held last year in Moldova.

UKMA’s Alex Young, overseeing preparations for the trials day, said: “The team that went to Moldova was made up of predominantly London-based players.

“What we wanted to do this time around was to make the team truly representative of the whole of England.”

More details at www.ukminifootball.co.uk

Seconds merit the top spot

Warley 8 Aldridge 20

ALDRIDGE seconds stand top of the Merit table after this hard-fought rugby union victory over Warley seconds.

The game was scrappy but Aldridge’s strong running backs always appeared to have the edge.

After 15 minutes, flanker John Bromwich touched down for the visitors but this was quickly nullified by a fine individual effort from Warley second row Rich Hopkins who charged through to touch down.

Jeremy Male for Aldridge and John Taylor for the home side exchanged penalties but, almost on the interval, good handling by the Aldridge backs fed the ball to winger Ashley Large who, squeezed it in.

In the second half, Aldridge Russell Hamilton took advantage of some misalignment in the defence, Male adding the extras.

It’s no Dutch treat for GB

GREAT BRITAIN’S women lost all five games against the Netherlands in their showpiece series at Walsall. But GB will take some positives from the encounters with the London Paralympics bronze medalists.

They were GB’s first international games since the 2012 Games and new coaches Nigel Smith and Joe Jayaratne brought in fresh faces for the matches at the University of Wolverhampton’s Gorway Road campus.

The opener last Thursday was a close-run affair with the lead changing hands several times. But the Dutch side’s superior shooting from the floor edged it for them by 54-46. Maddie Thompson and Judith Hamer topped

Wheelchair basketball

the scoring for GB with 13 and 12 points respectively.

Little separated the sides at half-time in the early game on Friday but a big 13-2 third quarter pushed the Netherlands on to a 50-32 win. GB’s Amy Conroy hit a double double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Friday evening match saw GB’s women take the first quarter 12-6. However, the Netherlands came back and Inge Huitzing’s 21 points proved decisive in a 62-49 victory.

Both sides showed tough defensive capabilities in the first of the Saturday

clashes. That meant a low-scoring game but GB suffered as a number of easy turnovers let the Netherlands to take a grip. Conroy’s 18 points represented more than half her team’s total in a 49-30 defeat.

Huitzing finished with a flourish in the final match, rattling up 25 points at 80 per cent accuracy for the Netherlands. The experience of Clare Strange and Sarah Grady rallied the home team for the second half and a combined score of 21 points from them, along with 16 from Conroy, pushed them over the 50 mark for the first time in the series.

But it wasn’t enough as the Netherlands won 75-55.



Laurie Williams gives chase against the Netherlands

Disappointed, yes – but downhearted, no

Walsall 1 Bury 1

PERSPECTIVE could well be the word at Walsall after the Saddlers’ League One play-off hopes came to an end on Saturday.

A last-minute equaliser from Bury made a difficult task nigh on impossible, whatever the events at the County Ground as the team in the box seat, Swindon, took on Stevenage, writes Craig Birch.

The Robins took matters out of Walsall’s hands with a 3-0 win over 10-man Stevenage and Saddlers manager Dean Smith admitted it was always a ‘long shot’.

But the Saddlers boss will also know that for his players to be downbeat at missing an unlikely promotion after struggling to stay in the league for the last two seasons is something of which to be proud.

They were lucky and unlucky in equal measure against Bury on Saturday – lucky to be ahead against the run of play and unlucky to concede a late leveller.

Deadlock

Bury could have been well ahead by the time the deadlock was broken, going close on eight minutes when Tom Soares’ corner from the left was missed at point-blank range by Ashley Eastham. Three minutes later, a complete hash between goalkeeper Sam Johnstone and Dean Holden allowed Jonson Clarke-Harris in for a header but he nodded against the bar and wide.

On 19 minutes Nick Ajose put the ball in from the right side and Clarke-Harris headed over as chances went begging.

Then, out of absolutely nowhere, Walsall were ahead as the sort of bad luck which has befallen Bury on numerous occasions this season reared its head again.

Jamie Paterson galloped down the left wing with the ball as James Baxendale joined him in support. Paterson picked him out and a deft touch from Baxendale on the



Jamie Paterson strives to hold off Bury player Ethan Banks-Landell

turn rolled the ball across to Febian Brandy, who lifted the ball over keeper Cameron Belford.

Shortly afterwards came the unlucky part as James Chambers had the ball in the net for what would have been a second Walsall goal. In all fairness, the whistle had long gone by the time Chambers struck the ball into the corner from just outside the box, with Paterson judged offside.

Belford then parried from Will Grigg after a one-two with Brandy before a big shout for a Walsall penalty went unanswered after Eastham clattered into Grigg. Carl Regan then became the first entrant in referee Darren Sheldrake’s book for an awful lunge at Paterson, which raised Smith’s ire.



Saddlers fans congratulate Will Grigg on his season

After the break, Walsall continued to threaten while Bury continued to remind the home side they could also attack, Eastham blasting wide on the hour.

Less than a minute earlier, Grigg should have made it 2-0 when Ben Purkiss’ free-kick landed right on his foot at the far post.

You would have bet the house on him scoring but Grigg miscued and the ball bounced off him and wide at point-blank range.

Grigg probably knew it was an off-day when he fired wide again five minutes later after another Purkiss ball was laid off by centre-back Dean Holden into his path.

Former Saddler Mark Hughes was then booked for a wild lunge at Adam Chambers

and it looked as if the visitors had lost their way. That was until the last minute when ‘the bandana man’ himself – substitute Efe Sodje – popped up for the equaliser with Walsall screaming for offside as he netted the rebound after a free-kick hit the post.

Mind you, the set-piece itself was worthy of a goal, a fierce 20-yard effort from Clarke-Harris that had Johnstone beaten all ends up. It bounced off the woodwork with everyone slow to react apart from Sodje, who tapped in for an easy finish.

And, with that, Walsall’s League One play-off dream was over, although Smith already knew Swindon were winning.

Disappointed, but for the right reasons. The Saddlers can live with that.

Happy hunting at the Common ground

Balsall & Berkswell 24 Walsall 35

WALSALL, after four consecutive defeats, took victory on their first-ever visit to Balsall Common.

The team was strengthened by the return of Alex Greenslade and Michael Benson to their starting line-up.

The hosts opened the scoring after just four minutes of the Midlands One West game as Walsall failed to clear their line. The Bs seemed to wheel the scrum but the referee awarded the try to No.8 Galpin.

But Walsall were soon pressing and strong drives by Rod Dickson and Jamie Hickman set up hooker Dan Clarke for the final surge. The hosts’ high kick tactics paid dividends after 20 minutes when a kindly bounce resulted in flanker Marlow going over.

The final 10 minutes saw Walsall produce some of their best rugby. Fine runs by Max Hughes and Benson helped create the next score. They took the ball close to the opposition line then a well-timed Matt Wood pass sent full-back Paul Naylor over in the corner.

Flanker Hughes created more mayhem in the Bs defence with another super run and Wood put over the resulting penalty.

Rugby union

Conversions by Wood and Bignall made it 17-12 at the interval. Just before half-time Walsall were hit by an injury to their leading try scorer Greenslade. A bad head wound meant that scrum-half Liam Lloyd had to play in the right-wing position.

The visitors virtually sealed their win in the first 10 minutes of the second half. A strong catch and drive from a line-out saw Dickson get the touchdown.

Impressive

Five minutes later Clark, Dickson and Wood made good runs before the ball was passed to Roger Weston. The young centre, who had an impressive game, jinked through the defence from 20 metres. A Wood conversion and a penalty after a Naylor run gave Walsall a 32 – 12 lead after 52 minutes.

The hosts, to their credit, fought back well. Bignall put over a penalty and some effective counter rucking saw winger Knott and prop forward Flint go through for tries.

But it was the visitors who got the final scores, as Weston made a superb kick and catch and Dickson and Wotton carried on

the attack. This resulted in Wood dispatching another penalty to seal the win.

Walsall finish their season with a journey to North Staffordshire on Saturday for a rearranged game at Stoke.

Walsall United 44 Lichfield 14

Walsall’s first-half performance against Lichfield seconds was one of their best of the season. They established a remarkable 38 – 0 lead. Tries came from Dan Postin (2), Andy Fitzgerald, Karl Robinson, Nick Field, Richard Towe and Jack Woodcock – Woodcock also kicked a penalty and three conversions. It was a good team performance and now puts Walsall in a good position to come runners-up in the league with one game left.

Walsall thirds won 21-14 at Tamworth thirds. A young side with several players playing out of position did well against a strong Tamworth team. Tries from Richard Coleman, Jack Minton and Ryan Tamilio. Jack Minton converted all three.

Walsall Colts had an outstanding week. They progressed into the semi-final of the Fred Rowley trophy after a 20-18 win over Sutton Coldfield. Two tries by Richard Baker and a try, conversion and a late penalty by Rob Angell secured the win that

puts them on the trail of a final place in the final on May 2. The Colts had a terrific 33-22 county cup semi-final win at Stoke. Walsall again left it late, producing their best rugby in the last 15 minutes to secure the win. Tries from Jon Duckett, Laured Kalari and Rhys Barry. Robert Angell scored a try, three conversions and a penalty. They face Burton in Sunday’s final at Burntwood.

Walsall Under-17s travelled to Nottinghamshire for the Midlands final of the Shield. They battled hard and were unlucky to lose 10-0 against Paviours.

The under-15s won 7-5 at Dudley Kingswinford. The first half began with Walsall falling behind and under pressure.

But Jacob Rees and Jamie Wright prevented further scores. The second half saw Walsall increase the tempo, James Ellis held up over the DK line but the resulting scrum giving Bobby Harding the chance to score the try. Jamie Harrison put over the conversion.

Walsall Under-13s are also on their way to a Staffordshire Cup final after a 34-12 semi-final win at Stafford.

The under-sevens were joint winners with Lichfield of a tag festival at Burton.

Rushall Edge it in skipper’s first game

Penn 175, Rushall 176-7.

RUSHALL firsts launched their 2013 cricket season with a good home win over Penn in Staffordshire Clubs Division Two.

New skipper Richard Edge won the toss and opted to bowl.

Penn started well, with Lee Homer (31) and Giles Pargeter (58) putting on an opening stand of 75. They then suffered a mini-collapse before George Nock (46) began to rebuild the innings.

But they were destroyed by Alan Dunn, who took four wickets in 10 balls without conceding a run. He ended with 6-33 as Penn were dismissed for 175.

Rushall lost two early wickets, but an unbeaten 37 from Rob Plant saw his side home. Andy Clayton (25), Ian Edwards (23), Rich Edge (29) and Scott Peach (25) all chipped in.

Wolverhampton 236-8, Rushall 126-8. Draw

Rushall seconds showed great determination in clinging on for a draw away to Wolverhampton fifths in Division Three.

Rushall won the toss and put Wolverhampton in. They had some success with Matt Jones taking three wickets – all of them catches by Daz Stacy at gully.

Haseeb Shah rode his luck to make 48 having been missed four times off caught and bowled opportunities.

Rushall had the edge after 30 overs, but Krishan Patel’s 54 helped Wolverhampton post a challenging 236-8.

Quick wickets fell in reply and it took a calm 28 not out from Lewis Portsmouth to save a draw as young spinner Shah took 5-27.

Bowls club begin with double win

BLOXWICH’S Stafford Road bowls club have entered the Tuesday evening Lichfield League for the first time and both A and B sides opened with a win. The A team won 187-150 at Hagley with victories for Hayley Scott 21-7, John Platt 21-13, Pat Mitchell 21-15, Cameron Cape 21-9 and a stunning 21-1 card from Pat Broadhurst.

The B team hosted Rugeley Progressive and won a tight encounter 187-175.

Their winners were Trevor Bellanti 21-20, Gary Purchase 21-20, Lynne Johnson 21-16, Jane Shaw 21-13, Alan Morton 21-19 and forie Parkes 21-13.

The club are to launch a beginners session starting on May 11 to run from 11am to noon. All are welcome, including children aged 11 or over – contact Hayley Scott on 07761 348841 for more details.

Hornets end with a sting

MOLINEUX HORNETS emerged triumphant as the Wolverhampton City Netball League closed their winter season with 22 teams taking part in the annual handicap tournament.

Handicaps reflected the teams’ end of season positions. The Hornets won on the newly-sundered Aldersley Leisure Village courts, beating Jupiter, Sam Four and Whitmore Y before winning 15-7 against Sam Three in the final.

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Wood get top spot with late penalty

Littleton 2 Walsall Wood 3
TWO goals in the last five minutes put Wood top of the Midlands Combination Premier table for the first time this season.

On 32 minutes, Tom Evans combined with Craig Deakin to tear open the home defence, and Evans appeared to be tripped in the box, only for the referee to wave play on. A minute later Ahmet Bilgimer collected from Taylor Boyce and rifled in a vicious low cross-shot to open the scoring.

A minute before the break, Littleton were allowed to play on after Bilgimer went down in the box. They won a free-kick just outside the area that Baird fired into the net to equalise.

Wood went behind right at the start of the second half. Oliver Manouchehri delivered it low to Jamie Clarke on the left of the box. His shot cannoned off the left-hand post, rolled along the goal-line, hit the other post and keeper Dale Faultless picked it up. The assistant ruled it had crossed the line.

Five minutes from time Corey Curriethers and Deakin combined and the ball fell to Anthony Juxon, whose shot bounced over the keeper for the equaliser. On 88 minutes defender Simon Fitter handled to deny Bilgimer and was shown a red card. Jamie Hawkins stepped up to score from the penalty spot.

Khalsa prove their point

Sporting Khalsa 2 Willenhall Town 2

WILLENHALL TOWN took a point in their fight against relegation from the West Midlands Premier Division. But they will be disappointed not to have grabbed all three from their Noose Lane landlords, Sporting Khalsa.

The Lockmen made the perfect start when Jan Trapszo headed home an eighth-minute corner.

The Lockmen increased their lead when Jake Morgan ran on to a through ball and lobbed home on 52 minutes.

Khalsa's fightback began on 64 minutes when a perfectly-flighted Jason Wood corner allowed Danny Campbell to power home a header.

Eventually the pressure told and substitute Ryan Maisson fired an equalising goal from 15 yards with four minutes remaining



Shaun Cooper has the flags flying at Walsall Wood ABC

Wood fighters flying the flag

SHAUN COOPER has already taken a West Midlands title to Walsall Wood Amateur Boxing Club in the junior ABA competition after a quickfire double win.

The 16-year-old sits out this weekend's finals by virtue of the victories in both of his fights the weekend before last, **writes Craig Birch**.

There are no other West Midlands entrants at 60kg.

The Walsall Academy student first had to overcome Daniel Brassington, from Wellington ABC in Shropshire, and did so by a majority decision on the

Boxing

Saturday to progress. Cooper returned to the Donnington Sports & Social Club next day for a contest with Khalid Khan, of Wednesbury ABC, which proved to be a final.

A unanimous decision went Cooper's way and he left with the West Midlands title and a spot in next weekend's first national stage, a pre-quarter final against the East Midlands.

Club-mates Daniel Breeze, Joe Stevenson and Josh Beech are all involved in this weekend's final.

All three are strong favourites to lift the titles.

Breeze has already taken the Unibox West Midlands belt in the 63/67kg weight group in Redditch.

He beat Myles Vale, of Clearys ABC, by unanimous decision in the final, having defeated Solihull's Ashley Archer in the semi two weeks earlier.

He is Walsall Wood's third champion of the season, following Cooper's success and national championship glory for Lauren Johnson.

It could be the club's most successful season ever.

Play-off hopes fading for Pics

Buxton 2 Rushall Olympic 0
RUSHALL'S hopes of claiming an Evo-Stik League Premier Division play-off position appear remote after a second defeat in four days, **writes Darren Stockall**.

Dave Walker steered a shot wide and Andre Landell fizzed an effort past the upright as Pics held the early ascendancy.

In the 22nd minute, a Kyle Haynes shot stung the hands of Ian Deakin in the Buxton goal. The keeper then palmed away a snap-shot from Ahmed Obeng.

But the hosts began to threaten and went in front on 41 minutes.

Unmarked midfielder Matt Thornhill sent a looping drive past Chris Gemmell.

Doubled

Just after the hour mark the Bucks doubled their advantage.

Obeng lost possession and the ball was centred to Kieran Lugsden to direct a powerful header beyond Gemmell.

Pics substitute Ramone Stephens was lively and had a couple of late efforts saved by Deakin, while Buxton substitute Mark Reed screwed wastefully wide from 15 yards.

The visitors' assistant manager Nick Amos was sent to the stands late on after making comments towards the match officials from the sidelines.

Buxton: Deakin, Black, Green, Istead, Palmer, Roberts, Thornhill, Towsey, Morris (Reed 69), Lugsden (Muller 76), Duncum (Maxfield 76).

Subs not used: Hagerty, Neil Stevens. **Rushall Olympic:** Gemmell, Haynes, Martin, Tolley, Smith, Caines (Beckett 56), Landell (Stephens 56), Craddock, Walker, Obeng, Islam (Dovey 46). **Subs not used:** Daniels, Thompson.

SMITH IS BEST BOSS - INJURED CAPTAIN

WALSALL captain Andy Butler has ruled himself out of the Saddlers' League One curtain call at Crewe as he continues his recovery from a broken toe.

Dean Holden has covered for the absent skipper since he was hurt in the 1-1 draw at Sheffield United just over two weeks ago and is likely to continue.

Butler feel it's not worth the risk of making the injury worse, with Dean Smith's men out of play-off contention but protecting a 15-game unbeaten record.

The central defender said: "I won't play again this season, there's no point in risking it for this game. It could get dislocated again and turn into eight weeks of recovery."

"I will keep myself fit and look forward to next season."

The 29-year-old is staying at the Banks's Stadium for next season after signing a new one-year contract last month, after joining the club in November 2010.

Chance

Butler was on the footballing scrap-heap after his release from Scunthorpe the previous summer and rates Walsall boss Smith as his best gaffer yet.

He said: "I came here two-and-a-half years ago, I was a free agent and I didn't know what I was going to do. Walsall gave me a chance and I have enjoyed my time here."

"I could have waited until the summer and saw what was about but I love it here. Things are looking great for the club and long may that continue."

"Dean is the best manager I have worked with and it's a good club, that's why I have signed another year here."

Butler watched from the stands on Saturday as the Saddlers' play-off dream

by Craig Birch

ended with a 1-1 draw at home to Bury, as Swindon beat Stevenage 3-0.

Walsall are guaranteed a top-10 finish and could end up as high as seventh.

He said: "It shows you how far we have come as a team, from two subsequent relegation fights to being disappointed at not being in the play-offs."

Smith has challenged his players to pick themselves up after the play-off dream ended and make it a 'sweet 16' unbeaten.

The Saddlers conceded a last-minute equaliser on Saturday to draw with Bury at the Banks's Stadium but, even if they had won, Swindon's victory put an end to their promotion hopes.

But Smith believes they should focus on winning at Crewe on Saturday to make it a perfect finish on the final day of the season.

He said: "I thought the play-offs were a big long-shot, but we have done really well and just fallen short at the end. We have drawn too many matches over the past few games."

"We have had a tremendous season and there are some really good players here."

Fast-track to learning thanks to twins' link-up



Motorcycling brothers Matt (No.99) and Kurt Wigley with students from the Black Country UTC and racing bikes

MOTORCYCLING twins Matt and Kurt Wigley have linked up with the Black Country University Technical College for the new racing season.

The Walsall establishment is the first UK college to enter its own race team for the MCE British Superbike Championship's Superstock 600 tournament.

The move gives 16 to 18-year-olds a chance to get involved in an engineering project like no other.

Students Matt and Kurt, who have been racing motorcycles since the age of six, represented the UTC at Brands Hatch in round one and were accom-

panied by a pit crew of four other students with a passion for engineering.

The competition took racers through their paces with two qualifying sessions on Friday and Saturday and the main race on Sunday.

On the big race day the UTC students prepared the Yamaha bikes and made sure the tyres were warmed up.

Kurt Wigley qualified for Sunday's race and finished 32nd while his brother crashed out in qualifying, damaging the bike but emerging with only bruising himself.

Laura Myatt, who helped prepare the

bikes alongside her classmates, said: "It was exciting to be involved in the preparation. We now have a better understanding of the technology."

Students have also developed relationships with companies such as Yamaha, Dynojet UK and Blue Flame Exhausts to secure training and support throughout the project.

Black Country UTC principal Chris Hilton said: "Our work with Wigley Racing and Yamaha means that learners can receive training and hands-on experience in real-life situations at Superbike races."

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